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A 'Slow Grind' Ahead For Global Economy

Experts See Tame 2.5% Growth Rate Even in America ('Good as It Gets')

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - When will this grinding recession end? And how? As encouraging evidence of an American economic recovery crowds in almost daily, much of the rest of the industrial world looks impatiently for hopeful store on home and hopeful signs on home soil.

But there, the news is not blissful. For the

Continent and for Japan, the grimness will endure a considerable while longer, with no recovery clearly under way before year's end or early 1995, economists and analysis say. "I'd describe the outlook for Western Europe in just three letters, Y-U-K," said Da-vid Roche, chief strategist for Morgan Stan-

ley International in London. That, at least, is better than most economists' assessments of the state of the Japanese economy, which is widely referred to as "terrible." There, the sudden implosion of the financial bubble and the faltering re-

sponse of the government to the crisis continues to rattle the corporate sector. I think it will be a fairly slow grind out of the global recession, said Ian Amstad, an economist with Bankers Trust in London.

Four years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the ultimate triumph of capitalism, the victors and their vannted system find themselves in a creeping crisis. Long accustomed to economic tycles in which the ebb tides of recession are more than reversed by strong surges of recovery, the industrialized works is seeing something new: the rising tide that

fails to lift all ships.
"Growth in the '90s will be consistently and systematically below trend," predicted David Kern, chief economist for National Westminster Bank in London. "The only thing you can say is that at least it will be entertainable."

Stripped by years of fiscal excess and by the resulting mountains of government debt of the common means to reinvigorate their economies — deficit spending — the rich countries find themselves bereft of economi-

clixits.

The result is that the envy of the industrial. world - the United States and Britain, the two best performing economies - are two

has mounted in recent days. On the back of such bullish news as a surge in manufacturing activity to its highest level in nearly a year, some experts now say that the econom-

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

PARIS —After a yearlong dispute over French sales of jet fighters to Taiwan, France and China said Wednesday they would restore friendly relations on the basis of a commit-

ment from the conservative government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur to ban any further arms sales to Taiwan.

ic growth may have spurted ahead to as much as a 5 percent pace in the final quarter.

But they quickly add that such rates are not sustainable, pointing to such warning signs as growth in consumer spending now for construction income account. Most smaller far outstripping income growth. Most analysts say they believe that the economy will lope along at the same lackhister 2.5 percent per annum expansion rate it has averaged

Scores of business people, economists and analysts around the world were asked when the world's industrial economies could expect to return to competitiveness and real growth, and what must be done to get there. In a weeklong series of articles beginning with two in today's editions, the correspondents of the International Herald Tribune report and analyze the answers.

ever since the recovery began in America in the spring of 1991.

This is as good as it gets in the U.S., said Nigel Gault, chief economist with DRI/McGraw Hill in London. In Britain, meanwhile, in the wake of a recession far worse than that in America and in spite of rising hope of a strong rebound from it, most forecasts show the economy expanding at the same, tame, 2.5 percent rate this year. Although most economists see both Eu-

Although most economists see both Eli-rope and Japan joining North America and Britain on the growth path in 1995, few if any predict the normal sort of surge that sends memployment plummeting and in-comes notching up once again. Unable to paper over the economic cracks

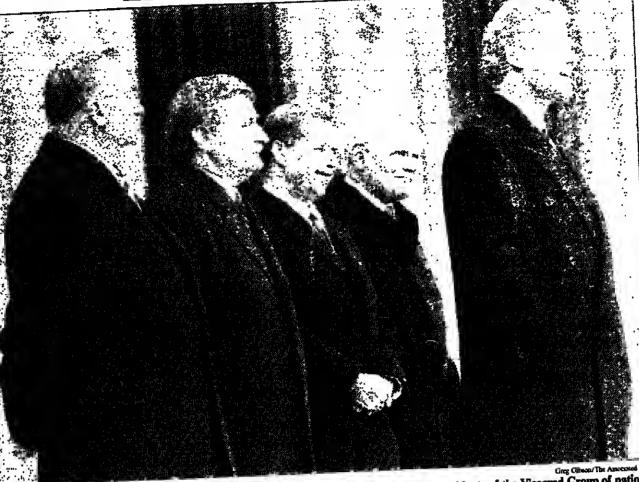
with a strong swipe of Keynesian spending, and mwilling to do the job with loose monetary policies out of a fear of rekindling inflation, governments are increasingly edging toward more radical but slower acting

The tools that remain are not much, said Peter Pietsch, senior vice president at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "It is wage restraint and deregulation and things like

The problem with those solutions is twoeconomies whose growth rates stand at barefold. They take years to achieve their desired
for the early stages of an economic recovery.

In the United States, however, continued — economists alike: deregulation and enhas mounted in record days. On the base of experts concede that these remedies are only

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Mr. Clinton speaking Wednesday at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Prague with the presidents of the Visegrad Group of nations, from left: Michal Kovak of Slovakia, Lech Walesa of Poland, Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic and Arpad Gonez of Hungary.

White House Calls for a Special Counsel Reversal Comes After Cloud Grows Over Clintons' Finances

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - An embarrassed and frustrated White House decided Wednesday to reverse itself and ask for an independent investigation of the Clinton family finances and the president's former ties with a failed savings and loan in Arkansas.

As President Bill Clinton went to Kiev. Ukraine's capital, and then on to his summit meeting in Moscow, senior aides were preparing an official statement on the issue to be issued later in the day, 2 White House official

At the same time, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the minority leader, called for a special bipartisan congressional investigation of the savings and loan and the Clintons' ties to it.

The select committee he envisions is the same type that recently studied the Bank of Credit &

beld bearings leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon after a White House cover-up of a political burglary at the Watergate

The Associated Press and Reuters quoted government sources as saying that the White House statement would call for the appointment of an independent counsel, a step Mr.

Clinton has long resisted. Aides apparently concluded that their weeks of denials in the face of relentless political criticism and news media investigations had failed to subdue public discussion of the presi-

in recent days, leading members of Mr. Clinton's Democratic Party said they believed that be should turn over all his personal files related to a disputed real estate venture in Arkansas and seek an inquiry independent of Justice

civil war. Taiwan still claims to be the legitimate government of all China.

As part of the new agreement, which is to be bolstered by a visit to Beijing by Mr. Balladur in March, China said it

would "welcome participation by French enterprises in

Taiwan condemned the French decision to ban future arms sales, expressing "deep regret" and saying security in the Asia-Pacific region would be weakened.

competition on the Chinese market on an equal footing."

Commerce International and that 20 years ago Department officials who are now conducting their own review.

This decision by important members of the president's own party appeared to be the final straw and once again displayed the tenuous quality of Mr. Clinton's political stature in

For weeks, Republicans had called for an independent investigation of relationship of the president and his wife. Hillary, to the failed vings and loan and its former owner. James B. McDougal, a Clinton ally who belped finance his campaigns for governor of Arkansas and who brought the Clintons into the real estate venture, a development called Whitewater.

No evidence has emerged that the Clintons did anything illegal or improper. But like many See PROBE, Page 3

Paris and Beijing Reconcile, but Taiwan Will Get a Last Jet Shipment

ordered France to close its consulate in the southern city of

Guangzhou, the heart of one of the world's fastest growing

regions, and banned French companies from a \$1 billion

subway project there. French companies elsewhere in China

With Europe still in recession and the Chinese economy

growing at an annual rate of about 13 percent, the Chinese market is important to European firms—a fact underscored by the approximately S4 billion in new contracts secured by

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany during a visit to China

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also complained of being placed at a disadvantage.

Clinton Hints NATO Would Defend East From Attack Remarks Appear to Go

Beyond 'Partnership' On Security Guarantees

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PRAGUE - President Bill Clinton signaled Wednesday that NATO would come to the defense of new democracies in Eastern Europe if they were attacked.

Mr. Clinton was speaking at a joint news conference with the leaders of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary after trying to dispel doubts over his Partnership for

The plan, endorsed by a summit meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, pro-

The UN will study whether NATO's idea for air strikes might work in Bosnia. Page 2. Mr. Clinton's appearance in Prague had the trappings of a Hollywood production. Page 3.

vides for closer military cooperation between NATO and East European countries without giving them concrete security guarantees.

But Mr. Clinton appeared to go further than the text of the Partnership when he was asked whether it was conceivable, given the lessons of World War IL that NATO would fail to come to the aid an East European country if it were invaded or subject to military aggression.

Mr. Clinton replied that be thought it was "doubtful" that there would be no help, "I think your reading of our reading of history is

right," he said. But the president added that he did not believe any of the former Warsaw Pact members faced the threat of imminent attack.

"Of course, there are always concerns that in the future the darker past might be recreated," he said, adding that there could be "expansion-

Mr. Clinton told the leaders of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia — the so-called Visegrad Group—that the West has a major stake in the well-being of their nations.

"Let me be absolutely clear," he said. "The security of your state is important to the securi-

ty of the United States." He sought to minimize the fact that NATO stopped short of offering the four nations full whether the Partnership made the East Europe-

an countries second-class cousins. The question is no longer whether NATO will take on new members, but when and how,"

the president said. On fears among the former Soviet bloc states toward Russia. Mr. Clinton said. "I think the Russian position, the position of the present administration there, is that they will respect the territorial boundaries of their neighbors."

Though the four Visegrad countries had all reluctantly accepted the Partnership plan, Mr. Clinton came to ease lingering concerns. But even after he "sold" the idea to the leaders in separate one-on-one talks, they made clear that their long-term aim remained full NATO mem-

President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic said that the Partnership was not "a substi-tute for full NATO membership" but rather a "first step." He said his colleagues from Poland. Slovakia and Hungary had very similar attitudes on the issue.

The White House also issued a statement on Wednesday announcing a major expansion of Overseas Private Investment Corporation programs in Central and Eastern Europe.

The organization will accept proposals for privately managed investment funds in the region, and increase its per-project lending limit from \$50 million to \$200 million. (Reuers, AP)

Ukraine to Sign Pact to Get Rid Of Its Arsenal

By Ann Devroy and Dan Williams Washington Post Service

KIEV - President Bill Clinton and President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine on Wednesday praised the benefits of an agreement to rid this republic of its nuclear warheads as they began a delicate political dance meant to bolster the pact against assaults by its critics

Their joint appearance at a press conference following talks at the Kiev airport seemed to pul to rest doubts about whether Mr. Kravchuk would sign the accord on Friday in Moscow with Mr. Clinton and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia.

Mr. Clinton stressed the economic benefits to Ukraine as it gives up its arsenal of 1,800 warheads. He cited compensation for the uranium in the warheads, international loans, in-

creased trade ann new foreign aid. "We are prepared to increase our support substantially as Ukraine moves toward economic reform." Mr. Clinton said.

"This day and the days to follow will open the road to disarmament for the world," Mr. Kravchuk said.

Statements Tuesday by a Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman that the agreement might not be ready for signing Friday, when Mr. Clinton, Mr. Kravebuk and Mr. Veltsin meet in Moscow, were wrong, U.S. officials said.

Administration officials would not be drawn into a debate in Ukraine over whether it was a treaty that needed parliamentary approval or whether it was a stand-alone agreement that could be fully put into effect without approval

A U.S. official described Ukraine as "divided See UKRAINE, Page 4

With the Chinese economy booming, but French companies effectively excluded from bidding for contracts there since the decision in November 1992 to sell 60 Mirage jets to Following the sale of the Mirage 2000-5 jet fighters to Taiwan, which was valued at about \$3.8 billion, China em country to recognize Communist China in 1964. China has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province ever Taiwan, the amouncement amounted to a potentially important development for France's recession-hit economy. African Franc Devaluation

"In view of the concerns of the Chinese side, the French government has undertaken not to authorize any French

enterprises to participate in the arming of Taiwan, a joint

It added that France recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and Taiwan as an integral part of the Chinese territo-

This amounted to a restatement, apparently at Chinese insistence, of France's policy since it became the first West-

Ciampi Is Poised To Quit in Italy

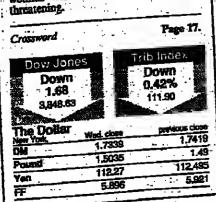
ROME (AFF) — Deputies adjourned late Wednesday a parliamentary session devoted to a no-confidence motion in the government of Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who said earlier in the day he was ready to submit his resignation whatever the outcome, but 'not before the parliamentary delication.

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parliamentary debase is over." The motion, which observers said was certain to be defeated, was debated amid growing signs that President Oscar Lung-Scalfaro was poised to dissolve Partia-

Soccer Player Knifed

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) - A woman stabbed a member of burg SV soccer team, Oliver Möller, on Wednesday as he was watching an indoor tournament here, the police said. His wounds were not reported to be life-



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Sets Off Shopping Frenzy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast -- Residents of West African cities took stores by storm Wednesday as prices began to soar after the devaluation of the CFA franc, a move with radical social implications for most of the countries con-

By the end of the morning, most basic prod-ucts were no longer to be found on store shelves in Abidjan, capital of Ivory Coast, where prices had sometimes doubled and buyers expected

worse to come. in Niamey, capital of Niger, one of the 14 African countries to share the Communaute Financière Africaine franc currency, the Score supermarket was overwhelmed by shoppers de-spite its reputation as the most expensive in the

"People are crazy, they're even snatching up local products whose prices shouldn't go up!" a merchant said. Many stores remained closed, ostensibly to

"No one wants to be the first to increase

The 50 percent devaluation of the CFA franc was forced on reluciant African leaders on Tuesday at a meeting of national leaders in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, by France and the International Monetary Fund. The IMF considered the currency greatly overvalued and said the devaluation was vital to help pull the Africans out of a vicious recessionary spiral.

The African franc has been pegged at 50 to the French franc since 1948 and has been guaranteed by Paris. In cutting the CFA franc's value in half, to 100 to the French franc, France put pocketbook before pride.

But Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said, "This courageous step . . . will restore competitiveness

and encourage growth."

Mr. Camdessus said Wednesday said that up to 10 billion French francs (\$1.69 billion) in loans would be provided by the IMF to "facili-

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Shoppers jamming an Abidjan supermarket after the African franc was devalued.

For Texas Death Row Inmates, There's Life on the Job

By Francis X. Clines New York Times Service

HUNTSVILLE Texas — The death row garment factory is humming at midday. Condemned murderers wield scissors and razon-sharp knives as they snip and finish piles of work pants at their sewing machines. A few chat at the coffee um within relaxed sight of their caged-off guard.

Life goes on and new work pants move smoothly through the skilled hands of the legally doomed 58-man work shift. In the setting of title towers and razor-wire fences, the simple Quonset but factory at the Filis One unit of the Huntsville prison has a strangely upbest air, as of some Brechtian production of The Pajama Game.

The booming workplace, designed for and operated exclu-

sively by a death row community, is the only such prison enterprise in the United States. It has a total of 115 workers,

and places for 85 more are being planned.

The work here mundanely ticks along in an almost poetic display of the assembly-line routine that is settling about

capital punishment in Texas and in other of the 36 states that allow it. The factory is being seen as a better way to pass time on the nation's death rows, which have become increasingly busy since the Supreme Court allowed the reinstitution of capital punishment in 1976.

Here, human beings judged incorrigibly beyond the entitle ment to freedom and life busy themselves making some final, goods for society. As the bobbins whirl, convicts seize the work as a final chance to confound society's judgment of their lives'

"A lot of people who have worked on the death row factory are dead anyway, so it's mostly to prove something to your-self," said James Beathard, a 36-year-old inmate who has been, manning his sewing machine during legal procedures for the full seven years of the garment factory's existence.

"We do it to say, 'By God, I showed them I'm not really the threat they think I am,' " be said of the satisfaction the factory gives in allowing a man to end life as a simple reliable worker. "It's weird," he added, "but when you hit Friday's shift, and

arrive at the end of the week, why, everybody's looking forward to the weekend! As if they were back in the free But the garment workers are nowhere near free.

All arrive on death row by way of murder convictions. There comes a moment of silence at the sewing machines the morning after an execution. But then work clatters back to life. State officials say that the death row workers are the most productive in the prison's statewide system of assorted manufacturing ventures. Violent infractions and malingering are

rare.
"Some guys turn down the factory job, saying. "Why should 1 be making clothes for the people who are going to kill me?" said Todd Willingham, a 25-year-old condemned man who works on the garmet lime. "They're taking us hard and fast now with the latting and our mind wonders. with new laws to speed up the killing, and my mind wanders The factory, whose work force is voluntary and screened, is

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Swiss Put More Heat On France To Explain

Readers
ZURICH — Switzerland stepped up diplomatic pressure on France on Wednesday to explain why it sent home two Iranians last month who were wanted in Switzerland for the murder of an Iranian dissident.

The government said in a statement that it had "charged the Foreign Ministry to request from the French government an explanation for its decision not to proceed with

the planned extradition."
The two Iranians are wanted for the 1990 murder in Geneva of an Iranian dissident, Kazem Rajavi, brother of Massoud Rajavi, head of fran's Iraqi-based Mujabidin Khalq guerrilla movement.

Hours before the Swiss statement, the French interior minister, Charles Pasqua, bluntly rejected a U.S. request for clarification. "I have no explanation to give the Americans," Mr. Pasqua said in a radio interview. He added, referring to President Bill Clinton. "I

am not an employee of Mr. Clin-Countering U.S. criticism, Mr. Pasqua said Washington had re-jected a French protest over the presence in the United States of an unidentified leader of Algeria's banned fundamentalist Islamic

Salvation Front Mr. Pasqua repeated that France had acted out of national interest. "Some things cannot be said," he added, "In a few months, we shall

He again refused to elaborate, despite an opposition demand in parliament for an explanation.

The Swiss had sent France a sharp protest note at the end of December when it released the two Iranians, Moshen Sharif-Esfanhi and Ahmed Taheri, from prison and sent them back to Iran.

Switzerland says the decision broke the European extradition ac-

Balladur Climbs In French Survey

PARIS — The popularity of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur has risen to 60 percent, although an even larger share of French voters are unhappy with his conservative government, according to a poll reeased on Wednesday.

The survey, to be published Thursday in the weekly picture magazine Paris-Match, said Mr. Balladur's popularity had risen four points, from 56 percent last month. But 62 percent of French oters were dissatisfied with Balladur's conservative government. down from 65 percent in December. The survey did oot explain the contradiction between the sour feelings toward the government and the continued support for Mr.

The popularity of the Socialist president, François Mitterrand. climbed five points, to 49 percent.

Radio Pretoria's Outlaw Voice Challenges Change

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service
DONKERHOEK, South Africa - Surrounded by two trenches, a fence topped with loops of razor wire, a four-foot wall of sand bags and a few men with guns, Johannes van der Walt cued an Olivia Newton-John record and prepared to read

As usual here at Radio Pretoria, it was news from a parallel South Africa.

In this news, whites still stand tall, the voices of authority are the Afrikaner People's Front and the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, an independent white homeland is almost reality, Nelson Mandela is a Communist stooge and elecdons scheduled for April may or may not

On Monday, after four months of waf-fling, the government refused to renew Radio Pretoria's temporary license, making its broadcasters outlaws and setting the stage for a showdown almost everyone prefers to avoid.

Operators of the station vowed to continue broadcasting illegally, gambling that the government of President Prederik W. de Klerk would not dare send the police to storm a station that has become a symbol to many whites of their beleaguered cul-ture and diminishing power.

"It would be a disaster politically," said

Pieter La Roux, who supervises security at the radio compound, on a fortified prairie hilltop east of Pretoria. Radio Pretoria has defied the govern-

ment and remained on the air. Although some of the station's more trigger-happy supporters speak with relish of an apocalyptic confrontation, the gov-ernment seemed inclined to pass the issue to a new, independent broadcasting authority where the station's status could languish for months.

Broadcasting, which used to be a government monopoly, is in a state of flux. There are several hundred applications for licenses pending before the independent

Since it went on the air Sept. 18, Radio Pretoria has extended its broadcasting day from 4 hours to 14, and has become a rallying point for those whites who are

Belgrade residents forming a long line for a streetcar, as shortages of fuel and spare parts have forced cutbacks in public transportation.

UN Chief and General Feud on Air Strikes

been commander of the 27,000 UN

troops in the Balkans since July,

The United Nations has repeat-

its authority over commanders

from large and sophisticated ar-

mies in its recent peacekeeping op-erations. In Somalia, it secured the

withdrawal of Brigadier General Brumo Loi of Italy after he followed instructions from Rome to avoid

fighting with Somali militiamen in-

stead of obeying combat orders from the UN force commander.

Last winter, Lieutenant General

Philippe Morillon of France, then

the commander of UN troops in

Bosnia, was moved by the plight of

Bosnia's civilians and led a crusade

to the enclave of Srebrenica, against the advice of UN officials.

Last week, Mr. Butros Ghali dis-

saying his actions were "inappro-priate" and "incompatible" with his position. The message was de-

Eastern Europe to participate in thority, meanwhile, has been damthe consultations.

Enlarging the Security Council fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina,

was one of the most hotly debated the Clinton administration's issues at last year's UN General abrupt decision to pull its forces

issues at last year's UN General abrupt decision to pull its forces Assembly session, which set up a out of Somalia and the United Na-

working group to report on the is-sue later this year. tions' growing difficulty in finding money and troops for new peace-

Britain, France, the United States, carrity Council seats in recognition Russia and China — have perma- of their economic strength-

increase the number of permanent found to bring aboard the biggest developing countries by adding The Council's prestige and au-

keeping operations.

During the 1992 election cam-paign that brought him to power, Bill Clinton said Germany and Ja-

pan should be given permanent Se-

Subsequently, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Mrs. Albright have said that the admin-

A senior Clinton administration official said the United States as-

sumed that some way must be

istration stands by that view.

patched a cable to General Cot,

U.S. Backs Larger UN Council

Developing countries and many smaller industrial nations com-

plained that the council's present

composition was anachronistic. The live World War II victors —

nent membership on the Council

But there was little agreement on

how to alter Council membership, with some countries wanting to

abolish permanent seats and vetoes

altogether, while others wanted to

increase the number of permanent

and a veto over its decisions.

ly faced difficulties in imposing

delegate to him the authority to call

in air strikes. General Cot said the

General Cot also told Yasushi

Akashi, the top civilian UN official

in the Balkans, that he would lobby

governments with troops in Bosnia to press Mr. Butros Ghali to change

his mind. The general tried to open a channel of communications di-

rectly to the Security Council, cir-

cumventing the secretary-general,

Mr. Butros Ghali did not consid-

er yielding his decision-making power, UN officials have said, be-

cause governments with troops on

the ground, aid agencies and other

UN civilians have to be consulted

to press his case, diplomats said.

secretary-general refused.

and Mr. Butros Ghali.

Butros Ghali's reluctance to autho-

rize the North Atlantic Treaty Or-

strikes in Bosnia, the diplomats'

power to support UN forces delivering humanitarian aid in Bosnia.

resolutions, the final approval for

the strikes must be given by Mr. Butros Ghali. He has said he will base his decision on the advice of

UN officials in Bosaia, including

"I have received no request for

the use of air power from UN officials in Bosnia, Mr. Butros Ghali said in Paris. "The day I

receive such a request, and if I have; the support of UN officials who

believe it is urgent to use air power, I will be the first to back its use."

Up to now, bowever, the secre-

tary-general has been hesitant to

recommend strikes out of concern that lightly armed UN peacekeep-

ers would face retaliation by more

By Paul Lewis

New York Times Service

BONN - Opening consulta-

tions on its decision to support

Germany and Japan as permanent members of the United Nations Se-

curity Council, the Clinton admin-

istration said Wednesday that it

believed a larger council would

have greater moral authority in the world and make the United Na-

The chief U.S. representative at

the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, told Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and other officials

here that although the United

States wanted permanent sears for Germany and Japan, it believed

this would be difficult to achieve

without giving some form of per-manent membership to the most

populous developing countries as

Mrs. Albright broke off a tour of

tions more effective.

General Cot.

According to Security Council

On Tuesday in Brussels, NATO

UNITED NATIONS. New gamization powers to launch air

unreconciled to the coming of majority

From its high mast topped with the four-color flag of the 19th-century Afrikaner Republic of Transvaal, the station's FM signal reaches south to the white sub-urbs of Johannesburg and north into sparsely populated Afrikaner farm coun-

On Radio Pretoria, the music is middle of-the-road and the political outlook is right-of-the-pavement "I've heard White Christmas' on Radio

Pretoria a number of times," said Chris Conradic, the stadon manager and one of a dozen founders. "Tve never heard Mi-chael Jackson. And never will. Not because of his color; because of his music." Most of the broadcasters are former employees of South African Broadcasting Corp., which is regarded here as being part of the national stampede into decadence

Mr Contradie says his listeners pine for the days when South Africa closed its doors on Sunday, gambling was forbid-den, and censorship kept out such tempta-

oons as the new, heavily air-brushed South African edition of Playboy magazine. "Everybody now is falling to pieces," he

said. "We are trying to call people back to God, and then to make them proud to be Afrikaners again."

The station declares itself nonpartiss but it has close des to the Afrikaner Peo-ple's Front, an alliance of rightist groups. The outlook broadcast here is ardently Protestant, fiercely anti-communist, and ultranationalist.

No one knows how many whites listen to the station, but those who do seem to be

A month ago, when word reached the hilltop that the state might be planning a raid, Mr. la Roux went on the air to summon support. Within a few hours, he said, a few thousand defenders, armed men with their families, had converged on the compound, planning to throw them-selves before an assault that never came.

"This is by no means a fort, and we are not preparing for war," he said. "We real-ize that in a conventional attack they could blast the tower to ribbons."

UN to Study NATO Plan For Bosnia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GENEVA — The United Na-tions secretary-general, Butros Bu-tros Ghali, ordered a preliminary study on Wednesday of NATO's threat of air strikes against Bosnian Serbs to reopen the Tuzla airport and relieve trapped UN troops, a

Mr. Butros Ghali has asked his special representative in the former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, to examine the feasibility of such air strikes and report to a high-level meeting of UN officials in Geneva oo Mooday, the spokeswoman

Leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization asked the United Nations on Tuesday to draw up urgent plans to ensure that 300 Canadian peacekeepers could leave the eastern enclave of Srebrenica, besieged by Bosnian Serbs. They also asked for UN advice on opening the Tuzla airport for humanitarian relief purposes. President Bill Clinton said the

Western military alliance was considering using air power in both

"The secretary-general has asked to undertake a preparatory study in response to the declaration of the heads of states and governments who participated in the NATO summit," the UN spokeswoman, Therese Gastant, said in Geneva, where Mr. Butros Ghali arrived on Wednesday. Io the background is the struggle scribed by diplomats as by far the between General Cot, who has strongest reprimand ever sent to a strongest reprimand ever sent to a The cable was prompted by General Cot's saying in a newspaper interview last week that he had re-She said Mr. Butros Ghali would

> and the UN mediator, Thorvald Stoltenberg, as well as Marrack Goulding, UN undersecretary-general for political affairs, to discuss the UN feasibility study. In Sarajevo, relief flights re-sumed Wednesday with officials

lifting the latest suspension, forced by a rocket that hit the runway.

The Sarajevo airlift is absolutely essential for the city," said a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The spokesman, Kris Janowski, warned that agency warehouses in Sarajevo

were empty.

Underlining the desperate supply situation, Sarajevo radio reported that flour had run out at the city bakery. The UN refugee agency said that 70 tons of flour were scheduled for arrival by eig during scheduled for arrival by air during

the day on Wednesday.

The airport remained free of attack by afternoon. But fighting was reported in some other city sec-tions, where no more than several hundred meters separate Bosnian Serbs and Muslim-led government

Bosnian radio reported shelling and small-arms fire in several west-ern suburbs and said Serbian gunners ringing the city had concen-trated on parts of the Old Town. There were no immediate reports

Serbs and government troops also clashed on several eastern Bosnian fronts and fierce fighting was reported at Olovo, northeast of Sa-

rajevo.

New fighting also was reported

Wednesday in central Bosnia between Bosnian Croats and government troops, after fruitless negotiations between the presidents of Bosnia and Croatia on ending the warfare there.

Much of the government push in central Bosnia has been on Vitez, 50 kilometers (30 miles) northwest of Sarajevo.

reaching around the world has never been easier.

WORLD BRIEFS

Salinas Calls a Cease-Fire in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (WP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari ordered the army to begin a unilateral cease-fire Wednesday after 11 days of combat against insurgents in southern Mexico, honoring one of five major demands the rebels issued this week as terms for negotiating peace. Mr. Salinas announced the truce, combined with an offer of amnesty for rebels who put down their arms, as the government's peace commissioner, Manuel Camacho Solis, arrived in the southern state of Chiapas in hopes of arranging formal contacts with leaders of the rebel group, the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

The president has been harshly criticized, both at home and alroad, for sending thousands of troops and heavy weaponry to the region and

allowing indicated the second second

Ex-British Aide Faults Iraq Inquiry

LONDON (Reuters) — The former foreign secretary, Geoffrey Howe, attacked Britain's arms-for-Iraq inquiry on Wednesday for mistreating witnesses and accused the inquiry's leader of being "detective, inquisitor, advocate and inches."

advocate and judge.

Lord Howe, a key figure in the scandal, warned Lord Justice Scott that Lord Howe, a key figure in the scandal, warned Lord Justice Scott that his interrogation methods might invalidate the inquiry, which is investigating whether British ministers knowingly broke guidelines governing arms sales to Iraq before the Persian Gulf War.

Lord Howe accused Lord Scott of breaking government guidelines on inquiries by not allowing witnesses the right of reply, legal representation or the right of cross-examination. Lord Scott called Lord Howe's complaints a "bolt from the blue" and said he had fully selectioned the

plaints a "bolt from the blue," and said he had fully safeguarded the rests of witnesses while ensuring the inquiry's efficiency.

Egypt Arrests 120 in Crackdown

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egyptian security forces arrested 120 men on Wednesday as part of a crackdown on those suspected of violence against

public figures and tourists.

Determined to crush a rising tide of Muslim militant violence, the police have detained a total of 420 suspects in the last two weeks and seized large caches of arms, security forces said. Of those arrested, 35

were wanted militants or escapees.

More than 271 people have been killed and 668 wounded in political violence that began in 1992. Egypt has hanged 29 militants for attacks on tourists and officials.

President Rebuilding Berlin's Status

BERLIN (Reuters) - President Richard von Weizsäcker, trying to force the pace of the government's move to Berlin, invited envoys of 138 nations to the capital on Wednesday for his traditional New Year's

The Bonn-based diplomats flew 600 kilometers (375 miles) to Berlin in a German Air Force jet. It was the first time a German president, who has held an annual New Year's reception in Bonn since 1950, held the gathering in Berlin. Parliament voted in 1991 to move the seat of government to Berlin, but many politicians, citing the high costs of the move, have since tried to delay or overnmn the decision.

Mr. Weizsäcker, who this month moved his official residence from Boan to Berlin, told the ambassadors that bringing the two halves of Germany together since unification was proving more difficult than expected. "But no one should believe that as a result we are turning our back on the world," he said.

Libya Still Only Suspect in Bombing

LONDON (AP) - There is no evidence that any country other than

LONDON (Ar) — Incre is no evidence that any country other than Libya was involved in the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland in 1988, but the inquiry into the matter remains open, Prime Minister John Major said Wednesday.

Mr. Major was asked in the House of Commons about reports suggesting that Syria and Iran might have been involved in the bombing, which killed all 259 people on board the New York-bound flight and I I received in the strength in I administration. people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland

Britain and the United States have named two Libyans as suspects in the bombing, and the United Nations has imposed sauctions against Libya because it has refused to extradite the suspects.

Correction

Because of an editing error, an article from Brussels in Wednesday's editions on President Bill Clinton's campaign for higher environmental and labor standards in developing countries misidentified Sir Leon Brittan. He is the European Union's trade commissioner.

TRAVEL UPDATE

High-Tech Elevators for Eiffel Tower

PARIS (AP) — The Effel Tower is getting a lift into the 21st century as workers install a pair of new high-tech elevators to carry visitors between

the tower's top two levels.

The new cabins, costing a total of 7 million francs (\$1.2million), weigh four tons. They have been designed to withstand year-round wear and tear on the city's most popular tourist attraction. A second pair will be

installed next year to complete the replacement.

Last year, 5.5 million people paid to visit the 320-meter (1,050-foot) tower and ride its four elevators for one of the best views in Paris. The elevators make 250 trips per day.

More than 300 commemorative events are scheduled in Normandy this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the battle of Normandy, organizers said Wednesday. Grandstands will be erected to seat 45,000 people for the main events, including an hourlong ceremony at Omaha Beach and an evening spectacle at Caen. (AP)

South Korea and China are expected to agree soon on direct flights between their capitals, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said. (AP) Rough seas were hampering workers' efforts to campty a barge spilling oil onto beaches in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The crippled barge, which ran into a coral reef after a towline snapped, has already spilled 750,000 gallons of heating oil onto the once-pristine beaches.

(AP)

CHINA: Good Terms With France

in November. Last year Germany vetoed the sale of warships to Taiwan, and Mr. Kohl reaped a large reward in China.

The rapprochement "means the end of Chinese economic sanctions against us," said the French foreign minister, Alain Juppé. "Relations have been completely normalized."

The contract with Taiwan had

been approved by France's former Socialist government.

Mr. Juppe said that the delivery of the Mirage jets, a vital sale for the troubled Dassault aerospace group, would take place, but there would be no further arms sales.

"The Chinese side reaffirms that arms sales of any type to Tarwan will bring harm to China's sovereignty, security and remification,

The United States announced in 1992 that it would sell F-16 fighters to Taiwan. Although there has been no significant Chinese reaction, the government has said it reserves the right to retaliate. Mr. Balladur has made the resto-

ration of good relations with China a priority since taking office last The agreement came one day al-

group, would take place but there would be no further arms sales. None of the planes has yet been delivered.

The agreement came one day a fer it was disclosed in Washington that a draft report by the U.S. State Department has found little progress on human rights in China.

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By Julia Preston

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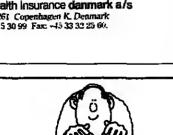
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In Peru, a Case That Won't Stay Buried Provides Test of Civilian Power

By James Brooke New York Times Service

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LIMA - Hurrying before the light of dawn exposed their work at a Peruvian Army firing singe, a group of hooded guinen lined up nine students and a professor kidaapped hours earlier from dosmitories at a leachers' college keep. In the final minutes of that night 18 months ago, all 10 were shot in the head.

Returning two days later to study the site in daylight, the grammen found a foot protrading from the desert sand and material to cover up traces of the killing according to participants quoted in pressaccionats here

Similarly, the killings on July 18, 1992, of the 10 people from La Cantula University will not go away. Ten army officers and soldiers have been charged with more serzed expanded powers.

kidnapping and kiding the professor and Most U.S. aid was fruzen after Mr. students. In the belief that they were frijimon's action, but Peru has recently responsible for car bombings carried out campaigned to win the money back, arby the Shining Path guerrilla movement: guing that the human rights simulon is by the Shining Path guerrilla movement.

The array however, is opposed to anying the accused men in open civilian court, and there is doubt that any found dropped to about 75, down from an

Today, the killings stand as a test case, of new civilian institutions that replaced Despite the improvements a satisfac-

the courts and Congress closed by President Alberto Fujimori in April 1992. The United States has warned that \$100 million in economic aid will not be disbursed unless those who carried out the Cantuta killings and other major abuses of human rights are punished.

La Cantuta is shaping up to be the test case that will make or break aid to Peru," said Juan E. Mendez, executive director of Americas Watch, the New York-based himian-rights organization.

U.S. concern about human-rights abuses in Peru is to be conveyed later this month, when Alexander F. Watson, stant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, and several American congressmen are due to come here in the highest level U.S. visit since Mr. Fuji-

campaigned to win the money back, arguing that the human-rights situation is improving. Last year, for example, the number of forced disappearances guilty would be punished harshly. ... - saverage of 300 a year over the previous

precondition for aid.

The army bere thinks differently. Last April, the army commander in chief, General Nicolas de Bari Hermoza. thought he could silence an investigation by the Peruvian Congress by sending tanks rumbling through streets of Lima. But in fits and starts, investigations furched on, fed by crusading magazine journalists, relatives of the students, opposition members of Congress, pressure from the United States and a dissident

faction within the army. In a major civilian challenge to army privilege, two generals and six officers are under barracks arrest and are facing trials for the Cantuta killings. Two oth ers who have been charged have not been detained.

In the last 12 years of army warfare against the Shining Path, 3,033 guerrilla suspects were detained and secretly killed by security forces, human-rights groups assert. In the same period, the army conducted two courts-martials for. unjustified killings.

tory resolution of the Cantuta case is kidnapping members of a Shining Path set of keys. The keys opened locks at ing most investigative work to journal-regarded in Washington as an essential bomb squad, guerrilla activities by those Armando Amaro's school locker and at ists. Police officials have branded killed has never been proved.

"The soldiers think they are the masters of the world, that they can do whatever they want with poor people," said

The soldiers think they are the masters of the world.'

Rayda Condor Saes, whose oldest son was one of nine students killed in July 1992.

Rayda Condor Saes, whose oldest son, Armando Amaro Coodar, was one of the students killed. "When I went to the barracks, they laughed in my face and said that my son had probably run off with some woman. Until his keys were found. I always thought that I would find him alive."

A turning point came last summer Although the suspects in the Cantuta when investigators sifting through hucase reportedly believed that they were man remains at a common grave found a ney general's office dragged its feet, leav-

his mother's house in Lima. That grave, and another at the army firing range. were discovered after members of a dissident army faction called Sleeping Lion sent hand-drawn maps pinpointing two burial sites to Ricardo Uceda Pérez, editor of the Lima newsweekly Si.

The government never responded to U.S. offers of free forensic analysis. Instead, officials shipped remains to Brit-ain for identification through genetic mapping. Now the government cootends it does not have the money to pay for the necessary tests.

"From the moment these 10 people vanished, the government has done its best to keep the truth from public view. Americas Watch wrote in a report in September.

According to the report, witnesses, including the third-ranking general in the Peruvian Army, have been harassed, threatened and forced into exile. Several have been arrested. General Hermoza has refused to allow any of his subordinates to testify in civilian court or before congressional investigators. The attor-

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But with the keys, the maps and clothing identifications by relatives, a civilian ecutor, Victor Cubas Villanueva, decided that he had enough evidence, and oo Dec. 16 he charged 10 officers and soldiers with kidnapping and murder.

The tenacity of some Peruvians in pursuing the case is explained in part by the easing of a war psychosis that only a few months ago gripped the capital.

"Under the stress of the bombs, the population demanded that terrorism be wiped out at any price." Fernando Rospigliosi wrote recently io Caretas maeazine, recalling the panie atmosphere caused by a Shining Path bombing campaign in the summer of 1992. "To kidnap and murder 10 university people from a study center where it was known that there was Shining Path activity only made a handful of people nervous."

But with much of the leadership of Shining Path in jail and with tension easing. Peruvians seem increasingly to favor curbing the army's "dirty war

With newsmagazines publishing photographs of the ringleaders of an army death squad suspected of carrying out the Cantuta killings, the government has been forced to dismantle the 30-man unit, which was formed three years ago to combat Shining Path activity in Lima.

Named the Colina Group after an army war hero, the group is suspected of having carried out a string of other kill-ings around Lima in the last two years, including the killing of 15 people attending a barbecue in central Lima and the disappearance of a lest-wing radio journalist. Pedro Yauri Bustamente. The 15 were suspected of attending a Shining Path fund-raiser, but apparently were al innocent.

In a final attempt at damage control, the military is reportedly pressing the Supreme Court to rule later this mooth that the Cantuta case should be tried in a

power really is in Peru," said Enrique Bernales Ballesteros, a former congressman who runs a political research insti-

* POLITICAL NOTES*

High Numbers for Clinton Deepite Allegations

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton continues to draw high approval ratings in spite of allegations about his private life and his financial affairs, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News

But the poll showed that three in five Americans say a special prosecutor should be named to investigate Mr. Clinton's financial

dealings when he was governor of Arkansas. The poll showed that 59 percent of those surveyed said they approved of the job Mr. Clinton is doing as president, compared with 36 percent who disapproved. The poll is based on a national random sample of 1,038 adults interviewed by telephone Jan. 5-9.

Margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

A mid-December Post-ABC poll pur his favorable-unfavorable rating at 52 to 40 percent. The December poll was completed shortly before allegations by two Arkansas state troopers that they had belied facilitate extramantal affairs for Mr. Clinton and before the White House came under increasing pressure to release more information about the involvement by Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary

Rodham Chmon, in an Arkansas real estate deal. Asked whether the Justice Department should carry on its investigabon of Mr. Clinton's Arkansas dealings, or whether Anomey General Janes Reno should appoint a special prosecutor to look mothe matter, 61 percent said they favored a special prosecutor. Sixty percent of respondents said they believed Mr. Clinton has the honesty and integrity to serve effectively as president. The last time that question was asked in a Post-ABC poll, shortly before his internation. The prosecution of the prosecution of the policy of the prosecution of the prosecutio

inauguration, 74 percent said he did.

Back to an Old Approach in the War on Drugs

WASHINGTON - Efform to stop the flow of narcotics into the United States have failed and will largely be scrapped in favor of a new campaign to persaade producing countries to stan off the flow and disrupt international drug trafficking syndicates, according to Timothy E. Wirth, the top State Department official involved with

Despite years of U.S. efficies to intercept importing shipments before they reach this country, we have to be realistic about the fact that wo're going to have cocaine and beroin on the streets of the United States, when Withermide He said that rather than focus on interdiction, U.S. efforts would concentrate on eradicating drugyielding crops in producing countries and discouraging Americans

from using drags.

In effect, the administration is moving away from the use of military assets to combat the drog trade. But the administration's new programs appears to represent a return to past programs that failed because the cultivation of drug-producing crops is ingrained in hibricant of some fereign economies

Aspin to Unveil Women-in-Combat Policy

WASHINGTON - After earlier rejecting a proposal that he found too restrictive, Defense Secretary Les Aspin has approved a new general policy that will allow women to serve in some ground mits during combat. A Pentagon spokeswoman, Kathleeen del aski said the new policy would be announced later this week, coming just before Mr. Aspin is scheduled to resign from his post this month. Ms. deLaski declined to discuss specifics of the new policy, but

cautioned that women would not be permitted to serve in all areas of combat action, such as hand-to-hand fighting, "Women are still going to be excluded from direct ground combat," she said, "So what you need is a definition of what is direct ground combat." (LAT)

Russell Frangold of Wisconsin, one of nine Democratic senators calling for a special prosecutor to investigate the president's ties with a now-failed savings and loan when Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas: "I do not believe it serves their interests or the interests of the nation to have any sort of shadow or questions about whether an imbiased investigation has been conducted." (WP)

President Clinton standing in with a jazz combo at a club in Prague. His saxophone was a gift from the Czech president, Vactav Havel. that like to do their brainstorming

Clinton in Prague: A Major Production

By Douglas Jehl New York Tomes Service

PRAGUE - The cast included Vaclav Havel, the playwright, and Bill Clinton, the born political ham, and their stroll across the 14thcentury Charles Bridge was more than just another moment of diplomatic theater.

Under orders from Mort Engelberg, the Holywood producer in charge of planning Mr. Clinton's most important public moments, the Gothic span had been transformed into a stage. with artists and souvenir sellers banished to make room for the actors.

Until Mr. Clinton's arrival, no vehicle had crossed the bridge since it was turned into a pedestrian walkway in 1958, local officials said and neither German tanks in World War II nor Soviet tanks that came to suppress the liberal-ization movement of 1968 had dared to cross the much-loved medieval structure.

But the White House sacrificed that tradition to the twin gods of publicity and security. While the two leaders stayed on foot, they were preceded over the rough cobblestones by a truck-load of photographers and trailed by Mr. Clinton's limousine with its District of Columbia

The promenade on Tuesday night was intended as a symbol of renewed partnership between West and East, and as Mr. Chinton and Mr. Havel paused to admire some of the 30 tatues on the bridge, and gazed at the Vlatva

Continued from Page 1

less tense for prison guards, too.
"It's been heading uphill from

Day i," said the factory manager, Charles Duff, a prison worker. "We

Of the 373 men on death row at

Huntsville, the turnover rate is in-

creasing as more arrive and more

are dispatched. The factory has a

double shift of up to 120 workers.

Fourteen immeres are scheduled for

execution this month, including

several whose jobs in the factory

have already been snapped up by men on a long waiting list.

The immates make dozens of

produce top-of-the-line goods."

River and the capital's medieval spires, theirs scened a powerful personal drama.

But that was not for any lack of planning, not least by Mr. Engelberg, who made a reputation first by producing "Smokey and the Bandit" and then Mr. Clinton's campaign buscapades. Across the full length of the 300-yard-long bridge, each statue had been illuminated with two special spotlights. Duct tape was stuck on the paving blocks where the two leaders were to pose for photographs.

Before coming to Europe, Mr. Clinton told his aides that he was determined that his trip bave an emotional cast, and that be was case for human contact. Away from the bridge, Mr. Havel made sure that he got a good dose of that oo Tuesday night, as the two drank beer and ate breaded yeal in a historic pub.

They even wandered on for a taste of Prague's night life at the smoky Reduta jazz club, where the Czech president bad invited several dozen of his artistically inclined friends, and where Mr. Clinton borrowed a saxophone to play two of his favorites, "Summertime" and My Funny Valentine."

When a loud popping sound rang out in the street as Mr. Clinton was leaving the club, the president seemed only a little tense even when his Secret Service detail backed his limousine onto the sidewalk and pulled out a bulletproof vest in case he should need it. The White House said later that agents believed the noise had been a firecracker.

CONDEMNED: For Texas Death Row Inmates, There's Life on the Job

And though the immates get none ing a danger to his peers, what's the

of the profits, they are accorded highly valued privileges, including larger cells, freedom to visit with nearby friends on death row after a former police officer convicted

rectional Industries and sold to tory: "If a condemned man shows Vanderbilt said. "It becomes hardthe can exist quite well without poser in your mind for a friend to die

Mr. Bower's friend and fellow

factory worker, James Vanderbilt.

a former police officer convicted of

murder in the course of a kidnap-

ping, is the state's loogest surviving death row inmate: 18 years and counting in an iovolved legal pro-

cess. He is respected for legal ex-pertise and endurance by newer in-

mates who, sentenced under recent

laws toughened to speed appeals

time, call themselves "drive-ups"

"After you've been here a certain

amount of time, actually getting

since they anticipate less life.

Reporters who did their best to trail Mr. Clinton through the evening said he seemed determined to make sure that everyone had a good time. "Get some food for these people." he encouraged one Czech waiter after a reunion with an elderly couple he had met in a visit to the capital 24 years ago

"When I was coming here, I wanted to walk across the bridge and I wanted to see you," Mr. Clinton said as be kissed the woman, Jirina Kopold, oo both checks.

Among the Czechs who flocked to the narrow Old Town streets to catch a glimpse of the American leader, there were shricks and cheers and calls for "Becl CLIN-ton" to "come here." The president often obliged, sometimes to find himself nearly mobbed by young men and wamen who pressed releotlessly against police

But there has always more than a hint of calculation in Mr. Clinton's personal style. Aboard Air Force One on Tuesday, aides carried a videotape of a Monday night ABC News program so that they could plan his perfor-mance on the first of a series of programs presenting a kind of nightly cinema verité of

traveling diplomacy. In a hus from the airport to the bridge, news

photographers were shown photos depicting the walk across the bridge as it would look from Mr. Clinton's eyes as well as their own, so that they could better plan their shots.

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over. Mr. Willingham said, refer-

ring to the lethal injection process.

"It's scary, wondering whether it's

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and clients is increasingly rare.

press Travel Related Services, which in recent months has beld several well-attended seminars on the tax changes. A survey of 25 travel managers by Corporate

Grey Advertising, one of the largest agencies in the country, is husiness meals, eat at cheaper restaurants and invite more clients to

military court instead of a civilian one. In Peru, military court proceedings are closed to civilian observers.

"It's a test of how autonomous civilian

The Business Lunch Goes on a Crash Diet

Firms Tighten Their Belts As Tax Reduction Is Reduced

By Clifford J. Levy

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The American siness funch once seemed so blithely simple. Shepherd some clisteak and a few highballs, make a couple of deals, gossip over the cheesecake. Hand a charge card to the waiter after barely glancing at

But first came warnings about cholesterol and alcohol and sagging productivity, and now — as if the conspiracy to destroy this venerable perk were not complete - the government has taken another step in its long campaign to reduce the tax deduction for business meals

and entertainment The change, which took effect on Jan. I. is rippling through the country, ushering in a new era of austerity for some companies in advertising, publishing and other industries over white tablecious, it is also worrying many restaurateurs who had hoped that they were turning

the corner after a long slump.
This will finish off fine dining in America." said Stephen E. Elmont, the owner of Mirabelle, a restaurant in Boston, and president

of the National Restaurant Association. "We are under siege." Congress lowered the deduction for business meals and entertainment from 80 percent to 50 percent

last year as part of President Bill Clintoo's deficit-reduction package. It estimated that the move would raise \$50.3 billion from 1994

Will the new rules wipe out a corporate culture that has flourished for decades? Probably not, but they seem to be chipping away at a practice that some executives always considered a kind of inalienable right.

So it is no surprise that some companies are complaining that the public does not grasp the value of these meals, particularly in an age when offices are so chockablock with phooes, computers, faxes, and other gadgetry that faceto-face contact with co-workers

In big cities, many companies

are issuing policies after talking with consultants like American Ex-Travel magazine found that 60 per-cent would likely write new guide-lines for their companies, possibly requiring itemized receipts on busioess meals to cut waste.

sending a memo to its workers strongly urging them to cut back on its corporate dining rooms. Grey in the restaurant industry.

has more than 2,000 employees in New York.

"These meals do provide significant benefits, because often there is much more of an intimate environment," said Edward Meyer, Grey's chairman and chief executive. "But this is a business that spends too much of its life in restaurants."

Although he acknowledged that his more than three decades in advertising had been very kind to his palate, Mr. Meyer promised to set an example hy staying in more and closely monitoring expense reports.

"There is a reformist zeal that takes place after new legislation comes in." he said. "For six months, many people will pursue a policy of trying to curb excess dining in excessively priced restaurants. But thereafter, the effect tends to wanc a little. People go back to their bad ways. It's very

Jack Avrett, the chairman of Avlarge advertising agency, said he was also asking employees to be more frugal, just as he did when the deduction dropped from 100 percent to 80 percent in 1986. "In the old days, 20 years ago, it was just a rule of thumb that you went out to lunch with clients every day." he said. "But that doesn't happen anymore because the business pressures have been changing. There has been evolution. It's better this

way. We get more work done." But such views were not echoed on Wall Street, which has posted record profits in recent months. Executives at several major brokerage houses seemed almost taken aback when asked about expense policies, as if making cuts would be sacrilegious. And the new rules will certainly have little impact on the

"I just left the Four Seasons, and having lunch there were Barry Diller, Ron Perlman, Henry Kissinger, Sandy Weill from Primerica, Joni Evans, and that was just today's group," said Jerry Della Femina, the longtime adman who is president of the Jerry Inc. agency and bas opened two restaurants io

"It's not going to affect them," he said, "It's going to affect the insurance salesperson. It's going to affect the poor Hispanic dishwasber who works for a major restau-

But even Paul Kovi, a part owner of the Four Seasons, said he feared the new rules would depress revenues. About 70 to 80 percent of the lunches at the Four Seasons are on expense accounts, Mr. Kovi said. The National Restaurant Association said many of its 25,000 mem-

bers were also responding by running promotions and reducing prices. The group estimated that the change would lead to a cut of more than 165,000 jobs oationally

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A new prime number has been discovered by researchers using supercomputer; but with 258,716 digits it might be hard for the average math whiz to roll off the songue. A prime number can be divided only by inself or one to produce a whole number. Examples include 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11. The journal Science said the previous record

◆ A Swiss rourist said he had Jumped into Biscayoe Bay to escape robbers armed with a knife on a causeway near Miami. The tourist, Antonio Bandi, was struck with the knife's blunt side and suffered hypotherms.

• A needle exchange program in San Francisco, illegal but operating with the facit approval of police, is highly effective in reducing risky behavior among drug addicts and does not promote drug abuse, said a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Associa-

 Followers of David Koresh were "arming an army," said a prosecu-tor in an opening statement for the trial in San Amunio, Texas, of 11 caltists charged with nurdering four federal agents in a gun battle.
"David Koresh told these people his name was death," said the

AFP. Remers, AP. LAT

PROBE: White House Asks for Independent Inquiry on Clinton Finances

Continued from Page 1 similar issues in Washington, the reluctance of the White House to make public the Clintons personal files on Whitewater seemed to em-bolden critics. Those files are being turned over to the Justice Department under a subpoens that keeps them closed to the press and the

In seeking the select committee, whose for-mation would require Democratic assent, Mr. Dole said he wanted to come "the perception of

He also contended that Attorney General Janet Reno, who has the authority to appoint an independent investigator, was not acting independently of the White House as she considered her options and that Mr. Clinton was "calling the shots" from Europe. At the heart of the Clinton matter is the

Morgan Guaranty Savings & Loan in Arkan-sas, which failed in the late 1980s and whose depositors required \$50 million in federal deposit insurance payments. Questions have been raised about the possibility that bank funds were improperly diverted, through Mr. McDongal, to the Clinton campaign in order to erase compaign debts. Other questions focus on Clinton and her prominent Little Rock law firm whether Arkansas state officials, appointed by represented both the bank, as it sought to stay Mr. Clinton, sought to keep the institution afford, and later the federal government, as it open as its loans went sour.

"If the president and first lady have done resort homes in rural Arkansas. The Clintons nothing wrong as they have said, they have maintained that they lost nearly \$69,000 on the deal, and Mr. McDougal concurs.

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work, and, most important, free-

dom from being manacled in the sight of their families in grim re-

The rest of the death row is con-

To Lester Bower, a 46-year-old

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sporting a TCI label for Texas Cor- camaraderie in the death row fac- executed is a kind of parole." Mr.

fined in "lockdown" in their cells

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except for three bours a day.

Mr. McDougal has joined the White House in denying that the Climons either benefited financially from their association with him or that then-Governor Clinton or his wife used their positions to improperly benefit the bank. The financial relationships are highly com-

plex, but a complicating factor is that Mrs. sought damages against the bank's accounting Mr. McDongal, his wife, Susan, and the Clin-firm. A former colleague of Mrs. Clinton's at tons were partners in Whitewater, a now-de-the Rose law firm is now associate attorney funct real estate venture that sought to develop general.

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Dose of Caution From Clinton With Eye on Home, He Goes Slow on Europe

By R.W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

KIEV - Behind all foreign policy there lurks, or ought to lurk, careful political calculation. What the folks at home will not support the traveling potentate cannot af-

ford to promise. So it has been with President Bill Clinton this week, on his maiden voyage to Europe as the leader of the Atlantic alliance. Having seen how quickly American opinion turned sour when the body of a U.S. serviceman was dragged through the streets of Mogadish Somalia, to be duly photographed and filmed, he is reluctant to make small commitments - witness the turning back of an American troop ship bound for Haiti - let alone

hig, dangerous ones.
Mr. Clinton therefore made no bold move on Bosnia. He issued no ultimatum to the combatants - do this or we will do that. Instead, he and the allies temporized.

They threatened yet again, as they did to no great effect last Au-gust, to use air strikes at Sarajevo, but only under certain conditions and not very soon at that. They added Tuzla and Srebrenica to the possible target list, but only pend-ing yet another study of feasibility and suitability.

Mr. Clinton resisted. likewise. pressures from the East Europeans for full membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. obliging them to accept the Part-nership for Peace, a little-brother status that they did not much like. One reason is the sensitivity of

the Russians. For the moment, at cow than to strengthening ties to the once-oppressed peoples of the

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Russian expert and State Depart-ment official who has come to dominate the administration's stra-must not permit the Partnership to

tegic thinking on Europe.
But another reason is what membership in NATO means. It is, at bottom, a military alliance, and its members agree to come to the aid of each other if attacked. Expansion would mean the United States

NEWS ANALYSIS

was fully committed to use its troops to defend Poland or the Czech Republic if they were at-

Mr. Clinton was elected by a country eager to focus on its own problems, not those of the rest of the world, and he has done little to urge it to look ahroad, except in terms of economic self-interest.

Even if the will were there, the means are not. The 100,000 American troops Mr. Clinton promised this week to leave in Europe, no matter what, would certainly not suffice to halt any serious manifes-tation of Russian expansionism.

"The most effective thing for us," an American official said, "is to try to protect Eastern Europe by encouraging anti-imperialist, dem-ocratic tendencies in Russia. The problem is that the United States, or any other outside power, has only very limited influence over events in Russia."

But this is a president who likes to have things both ways. So having denied them what they sought, he least, Mr. Clinton has given a much met in Prague with four East Eurohigher priority to avoiding offense pean leaders, led by Vaclav Havel to the frail forces of reform in Mos-Walesa of Poland, and came close the once-oppressed peoples of the former satellite states who once oc-

cupied such a special place in — to telling them. "Just be parient, Washington's heart. That reflects the influence of Strobe Talbott, the On Tuesday, Jiri Diensthier, the

remain a sedative or a waiting room in which to await how things turn

As if in direct reply. Mr. Clinton said after his round of meetings Wednesday: "While the Partnership is not NATO membership. neither is it a permanent holding room. The question is no longer whether NATO will take on new nembers but when and how." But when will the right moment

If the American people are not ready to defend Eastern Europe when will they be? Surely not until Mr. Clinton or some other president makes a much stronger case that the vital interests of

America are at stake. If Russia is at all costs not to be provoked, then membership for the Czechs and the others will have to be delayed until Russia has become so stable that even if angered, it would pose no threat to its neighbors. Russian history does not encourage the hope that that will happen any day soon.

As Mr. Clinton conceded, "there are always concerns that in the future the darker past might be re-

In a way, it already has been, in Bosnia. The failure of the alliance to halt the genocidal war there, in another East European country to which NATO guarantees do not apply, cannot be encouraging to Poland and Hungary and the Czech Republic as they contemplate what would happen if they found themselves trapped between

UKRAINE: Nuclear Accord

Continued from Page 1

over the issue of whether they are to be a nuclear power or not." That division is reflected in parliamentary statements that have emerged in opposition since the agreement was

The Clinton administration is holding firm to its contention that it will not reveal some parts of the agreement, particularly the exact sequence of how the warheads will be removed and how long the pro-cess will take. Nor will it say what incentives the Ukrainians have been promised by the United States

"It is our position that some elements of the agreement will remain confidential." a senior official said. He said the agreement fixes no timetable to the confidential elements and they could be never publicly released.

Mr. Clinton cited security lanis meant to protect against any potential Russian expansionism and invited Ukraine to join the new North Atlantic Treaty Organization plan for military cooperation with former East Bloc countries. Mr. Kravchuk, who once called

the weapons part of Ukraine's "material wealth." has agreed to give it up in return for financial compensation and guarantees from Russia and the United States that its borders are permanent. The trip to Kiev came after Mr.

for his proposal, approved hy NATO, to extend military contacts eastward without granting former Soviet-occupied countries the security guarantees that full NATO partnership includes.

U.S. Details **Conditions** For Aid to Russians By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen told Russian leaders Wednesday that the United States was prepared to help speed delivery of Western aid, but only after it saw credible signs that Russia was restructuring its hudget to phase out money-losing industries. lower inflation and better assist the

unemployed.
The mantra for President Bill Clinton's visit. Treasury officials say, was: "More Russian reform in return for more Western money more quickly."

That approach is in marked contrast to the initial administration reaction to the recent Russian elec-tions, when both Vice President Al Gore and the Russian affairs coordinator, Strobe Talbott, suggested easing Western conditions for reform to defuse opposition to President Boris N. Yeltsin's government. That view was strongly opposed by the Treasury Department and seems to have been firm-

Mr. Bentsen, who arrived in Moscow in advance of President Clinton, told reporters after his talks that the Russians had been making progress in taming infla-tion and spawning new private

The next few days and weeks, Mr. Bentsen said, would be "criti-cal" in determining if Mr. Yeltsin's newly elected government and parliament are able and willing to carry out the sort of structural reforms that the United States and its allies want to see before they really turn

on the aid spigot.

Mr. Yeltsin is still putting together his new government, and the newly elected Russian parliament is just getting under way. It is not clear whether the advocates of economic reform favored by Washington will be assigned leading roles in the new cabinet and, even more importantly, whether the Russian parliament will be ready to authorize the sort of major hudget re-structuring that the United States and its allies advocate, Treasury

"It is at a very formative stage." Mr. Bentsen said after discussions with Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli B. Chuvias. "I would not try to predict who is going to be in what

But he added, "I want to see some strong reformers left in that

The basic American position articulated by Mr. Bentsen to his Russian counterparts is this: The United States is ready to press its Western allies and the international lending institutions to come forward with money they have already ered if it sees "viable plans, and clear and credible statements of intent" that Russia is ready to restructure its budget, a senior Treasury official said.

What is new in this approach is that the United States will not insist on a waiting period to test im-plementation before money is delivered, but it does want to see commitments of intent.

That means, Mr. Bentsen said, that the Russian government must act to bring down its inflation rate Clinton won qualified endorsement further. The only way to do that is from four East European leaders to stop printing money to cover the to stop printing money to cover the budget deficit. And the only way to do that is by halting the broad subsidies to huge state industries. such as the coal miners or tank factories or state farms that account for much of that deficit.



in France lining up Wednesday at a travel agency in London. The service is scheduled to start in early May.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

For France's Graffiti Artists, Days of Indulgence Are Over

France's graffiti artists will soon feel nos-talgic for the 15 minutes of fame and indulsence - well, a bit more than that - that they enjoyed under the previous Socialist

The Socialist culture minister, Jack Lang, not only proclaimed the graffiti of French raggeurs to be art, but also sponsored two major exhibitions of their work. But the new rightist government sees no

redeeming qualities in the paintings that cost the city of Paris alone 140 million francs (\$34 million) each year in cleaning costs. A law set to take effect March I will increase penalties for graffin art from the current maximum of a 30,000 franc fine and two years in prison to 500,000 francs and five years.

The city Metro system, where some of the worst damage was once done (including an attack on the Louvre Museum station that gress in the fight against graffiti. Walls in : ducted, for older men have long since made | Brian Knowlton

many subway stations have been treated with an easy-to-clean varnish, and graffiti is re-moved within 48 hours.

Yet in one of the exhibitions during the Lang years, the focus of the show was a Metro car, covered top to bottom with graffi-ti. In the front of the car was a television that broadcast tips on "how to do graffiti without getting caught."

Around Europe

Until 1990, young men in West Berlin were exempt from military service because of the city's special status. But with German remaincation, and the departure of the four Allied powers from Berlin, the exemption was dropped. After a three-year administrative delay, the Defense Ministry finally announced last year the induction of a first group of 12,000 Berlin men, those born in 1060

But there has been strong resistance from many inductees to the 12-month stint, reports the weekly Der Spiegel, and the police have increasingly had to be used to round up

unwilling young men.

Some have challenged the state's legal right to rescind what had been a blanket protection through age 28, and one man, Frank Dette, 24, has taken the matter to court. He concost 500,000 francs to clean), has made pro- I tends that only 18-year-olds should be in-

career and life decisions that are difficult to undo. Many of the 12,000 men affected have signed a protest petition being sent to the

About I million Germans will work in the environmental field by the end of this decade, according to a federal study. That will represent an increase of over 50 percent in less than '10 years.

The newest soccer commentator for the Italian television channel Rai Tre has the fervor and devotion of many a sports fan, but new differences the in the new television of many a sports fan, but with a difference: She is a Franciscan nun. A Rai sports reporter had discovered Sister Paola in the stands of a Lazio Rome soccer match; she is a season-ticket holder. Their meeting, reports Die Welt, evolved into an invitation to do commentary, with results like these: "People, you just wouldn't believe how much I prayed to Our Mother Mary over this match... "or "Ah. it is half time now. I must withdraw for a spiritual pause." But the sisor "Ah, it is half time now. I must ter's perspective on the game is not universally appreciated: she seems to see the Lazio team as a force for good and its opponents as vectors of evil. Fans of another team. AS Rome, have petitioned Rai to have Sister Paola confine her commentary to less worldly

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TABA, Egypt - Israel and the

Commander in the West Bank Deal Nearer Is Killed in Helicopter Crash

By Joel Greenberg New York Tomes Service
JERUSALEM — The chief Is-

radi army commander in the occupied West Bank was killed with three other officers early Wednesday when his helicopter crashed in the northern outskirts of Jerusa-

The death of Major General Ne-chemia Tamari. 47, the highest ranking army officer killed in more than a decade, stunned military and government officials and prompted the air force commander to appoint a commission of inqui-

An army spokesman ruled out subotage. "There's no doubt that this was an accident." he said. The spokesman said General Taman's helicopter went down about 2 A.M. as it approached a fog-shrouded landing pad near his command headquarters. "There

was very poor visibility and bad weather conditions," an army statement said. General Tamari was returning

from the Bet Shean area in the retaliated violently for a space of **Israel Says**Jordan Valley, where troops were faral Arab attacks Jordan Valley, where troops were chasing an infiltrator who had chasing an infiltrator who had crossed into Israel from Jordan, the Palestinian leaders said the army, spokesman said, adding that the infiltrator was later caught.

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General Tamari began his 28year career as a paratroop officer and had held several senior command posts, serving for the past 10 months as head of the army's Central Command, which includes the

of Jewish-Arab violence and heading off confrontations between soltermath of the signing of the Palestinian-Israeli accord in Sepwas a symbol of this openness, of was a symbol of this openness, of diers and Jewish settlers in the af- said.

their search across Germany on

Wednesday for three skinheads who carved a swastika on the face of a 17-year-old girl in a wheel-

The attack Monday in the east-ern town of Halle was the latest in a

series of neo-Nazi assaults on dis-

ahled people and brought wide-

"This was an unacceptable infamy," said President Richard von Weizsäcker.

The hunt for the suspects was

spread condemnation.

Germans Widen Search

The three skinheads, aged from 15 to 20, cut the swastika on the girl's left cheek with a knife after she refused to shout Nazi slogans.

expanded to a nationwide level.

Olf-duty police officers have been called in to help, and more than slogans and tried to roll her wheel-4,000 composite sketches of two of

fatal Arab attacks.

are closer to agreement on autono-Killed with the general were his settlers who have slain Palestinians, Killed with the general were his settlers who have slain Palestinians, my, but there is still much work to damaged Arab-owned property be done on security issues, a top Kaufman, and the two belicopter and blockaded highways in re-pilots.

damages vided highways in re-sponse to killings by Palestinian larks Wednesday. militants.

But in remarks Wednesday to. The head of the Israeli delega-the parliament, Deputy Defense tion, Major General Amnon Sha-Minister Mordecahi Gur praised hak, said the two sides were near a General Tamari's handling of the consensus on such topics as elecsettlers and said he had prevented a tricity and tourism. which we are now hving," Mr. Gur security issues.

Palestinan-Israeli accord in September.

was a symbol of this openness, of the readiness to preserve the unity of Israel and to avoid confrontations as much as humanly possible," Mr. Gur added. "Strong as he hours calming tempers of settlers alarmed by the accord who have the readiness to preserve the unity of Israel and to avoid confrontations as much as humanly possible," Mr. Gur added. "Strong as he was, he tried with all his might to avoid using force."

Week we will continue. and we might sum up some of the subjects." General Shahak said.

The talks resumed Monday in the Red Sea resort of Taba after a avoid using force."

the three attackers had been sent

A police spokesman in Halle said

that the anthorities had received

scores of telephone tips about the possible whereabouts or identity of the skinheads, but that there had

The spokesman added that the police had rounded up rightist radicals in the region surrounding Hal-

le. They also raided more than 25

gathering places for neo-Nazis and set up checkpoints at rail stations.

The girl was attacked as she was

returning to Halle's Adolf-Reich-wein school after lunch. The three

The Berlin daily BZ quoted the girl, identified as only as Elke J., as saying she had refused to shout the

been no promising leads.

lonning confrontation between Is— He added that he boped the talks raeli soldiers and civilians. The would resume Monday and that He had been increasingly preoc-cupied with stemming a rising tide general had been "open to the sen-negotiators would then he able to sitive and delicate situations in solve some of the more difficult

week we will continue, and we

But Israeli officials said little progress had been made on the issues that have delayed the start of an Israeli troop withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

These include defining the size of the Jericho area, control of interna-tional border crossings connected to the autonomous zones, and de-fense of Jewish settlers living in or

traveling through Palestinian areas. Nabil Shaath, the chief delegate for the PLO. said after Tuesday's session that such issues should not be allowed to become "agreementbreakers.

The accord calls for an equal Israeli and Palestinian presence at border crossings. Last week, the Palestinians reportedly demanded that the Israeli presence be invisible. The Israelis said this went beyoud understandings reached two weeks ago in Cairo.

At the same time, the Palestinians reportedly are not contesting the offer of a 57-square-kilometer (22-square-mile) Jericho area, onefifth of what they had demanded. But they are said to be seeking corridors from the area to two holy sites and a Dead Sea beach.

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Governor of Hong Kong Denies That He Is Telling China What to Do

SYDNEY — Governor Chriss and stranding of what is happenrelease of Hong Kong on Wednesday defended his handling of the British colony's 1997 return to China against criticism by a former mechanics of Hong Kong elections,
Australian leader in a letter pubnot the establishment of democralished in The Australian newspa- cy in the British colony.

gest that I am trying to tell China Hong Kong that the legislature of how to govern itself," Mr. Patten the future Hong Kong Special Adwrote. His letter responded to an ministrative Region of China article in The Australian on Jan. 5 would be elected in which former Prime Minister He added that Malcolm Fraser of Australia said Law for Hong Kong, which takes Mr. Patter's conduct reflected Brit- effect in 2007, stipulated that one ain's "traditional incapacity" to

understand Asia. Mr. Fraser said Mr. Patten was trying to establish elements of democracy in Hong Kong that were unacceptable to China and would

not survive the transfer.

"He acknowledges that he does not believe I am doing this out of mischievous and disruptive intent." Mr. Patten wrote, "but even so I

must correct a rather serious mis-understanding of what is happen-seeking funds to finance a new air-

port, Renters reported. has unilaterally sought quick funds from the Legislative Council with-out discussing it with the Chinese Hong Kong and Macan Affairs Of-fice. "The Chinese side does not

He said both countries agreed in "It is wholly inaccurate to sug. their 1984 Joint Declaration on

He added that China's Basic third of the first legislature would be elected, followed by 40 percent of the second and 50 percent of the third.

"So it is already accepted by China that Hong Kong will become progressively more democratic, Mr. Patten wrote. Airport Funding Dispute

gave legislators two options for the \$20.3 billion project. The first op-tion was to approve enough funds to push ahead with the project step by step and the second was to suspend all new work until a deal has been struck with China. The government estimated that under the second option there would be a \$510 million surge in

months of delay. The government will make a definitive funding request to the legis-China has attacked the Hong lature next week.

the project's cost for every six

The Hong Kong government

side," said Lu Ping, director of the

agree to such a piecemeal method."

On Monday, the government



SIFTING THE DEBRIS IN SYDNEY —A Sydney resident searching Wednesday through the remains of his house, which was among some 200 structures razed in a week of raging bushfires. Fire fighters had contained about half of the more than 150 blazes burning across southeast Australia but braced for a renewed emergency as meteorologists forecast more hot, dry weather.

Kim Il Sung Said to Seek China's Help With West

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SEOUL - President Kim II Sung of North Korea wants to visit China to enlist its help in expanding relations with the West, the nuclear weapons are being devel-South Korean news agency Yonhap reported Wednesday.

North Korea is secretly sounding out the Chinese government through diplomatic channels on the possibility of Kim's visit. Yonhap quoted an unidentified source as

saying in Beijing.

Beijing is showing agreement in principle for the North Korean leader's visit to China after the nuclear question is resolved," the source was quoted as saying.

North Korea has been locked in a dispute with the United States and its allies over Pyongvang's suspected development of nuclear weapons.

The North Koreans agreed in

negotiations last week with the United States to open their seven declared nuclear sites to interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency to inspect two other sites where Western intelligence agencies suspect

According to U.S. sources, the Chinese have played an active hehind-the-scenes role in trying to persuade North Korea to settle the nuclear dispute to the satisfaction of the United States, its allies and

the UN nuclear agency. "If Kim's visit takes place, Kim and Chinese leaders will discuss such issues as reform and opendoor policy in North Korea, improvements in North Korea's relations with Japan and the United States, an inter-Korean summit and South-North relations," the source was quoted as saying.

Yonhap's report said Hwang Jang Yop, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the North's Supreme People's Assembly, would declared nuclear sites to interna-tional inspectors. But they have re-discuss President Kim's trip.

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An Incomplete Summit

At the NATO summit, the United States responded to complaints that it was offering East Europeans too little an alliance role too late, and broadened some of the possibilities. Much remains to be done - not least by new applicants - to move from the symbols of partnership in the concrete mutual obligations of membership. But as President Bill Clinton's current European grand tour takes him to Moscow, he can fairly argue that he has acted in principled support of democracy. The message may be misread by the Zhirinovsky element in Russian politics, but it should reassure the reformers Americans are betting on. Meanwhile, it should reassure Russians of all stripes, and not only Russians, that the United States is bent on diverting Ukraine's nuclear pursuit.

Too had these achievements at the summit were not the sum of it. Unfortunately, the desired image of an alliance taking on new post-Cold War purpose was badly tarnished by the treatment of Bosnia. Yugoslavia represents NATO's dismal failure to cope with immense violence and atrocity on its very doorstep. The Brussels meeting showed no improvement. The members were called upon anew to deliver on their August pledge, so many times ignored, to relieve sieges and open

up supply routes in Bosnia by air strikes. President Clinton, declaring that "the credibility of the alliance itself" was at stake. warned members against making "empty threats." But who will not be bowled over if NATO, again unanimous in voice hut still divided and uncertain in will, comes through even with the limited tactical responses that the strike planners have in mind? Serbia continues to shell Sarajevo.

Empty threats are repugnant. They should not be made, especially when it is too late in the day to think of restoring NATO's credibility in Bosnia. Military support to bring in relief is valuable — a European effort that still could use American help. Military support to keep a future peace is valuable, although heavy conditions still vitiate the American peacekeeping pledge. But military action in

sway the course of the war? By irreversible default, the alliance has committed itself to the settlement talks now being conducted by the European Union and the United Nations. The result of these talks. at best, will not be pretty, but they alone can help stop the war. Long ago NATO forfeited the chance to expect more.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Good Deal for Ukraine

In a victory for its nuclear diplomacy, the Clinton administration has persuaded Ukraine's leader to get rid of the nuclear arsenal he inherited from the Soviet Union, In agreeing to the deal, President Leonid Kravchuk recognized that Ukraine's nuclear legacy may be worth more convened into fuel than as arms. The chief concern now is that nationalists in the Ukrainian parliament might find a way to block the pact.

If instituted, the agreement would remove a threat from Ukrainian missiles still programmed to hit American targets, reduce the risk that the warheads will fall into reckless hands and keep tensions in the former Soviet

Union from escalating to nuclear war. The United States put together an offer that Ukrainians should not refuse. In return for disarming. Ukraine will receive U.S. help in dismantling the arms, making its Chernobyltype reactors safer and cleaning up its environment. The nuclear material extracted from warheads will be turned into fuel for power plants,

In an effort to satisfy the demands of Ukrainian nationalists, Russia will cancel a portion of Ukraine's deht as reimbursement for warheads already handed over for dismantling. It will refrain from economic coercion. And Russia, along with the United States and Britain, will guarantee Ukraine's borders.

The deal requires Ukraine to dismantle its entire nuclear arsenal - 1,240 nuclear warheads mounted on its SS-19 and SS-24 missiles and 564 more on cruise missiles carried on long-range bombers. The warheads are a wasting asset. Even though they sit on Ukrainian soil, they remain under Russian opera-tional control. For Ukrainians to pick their electronic locks and gain control over them would take time. To retarget them by repro-

gramming their on-board computers would take still more time. Meanwhile, the warheads are decaying and the missile fuel is becoming dangerously unstable, making the arms a menace to their possessors, not just to their foes.

Nevertheless, some nationalists see Ukraine's nuclear arms as a symbol of its newborn nationhood. Others want to wave the warheads at Russians who are not yet reconciled to an independent Ukraine,

But the arms are a distraction from the real threat to Ukraine's independence: the gross mismanagement of its economy and the social unrest it is kindling.
Instead of instituting economic reforms.

Kiev is financing factories that produce noth-ing worthwhile, Ukraine's currency, which once traded on a par with Russia's ruble, now bas no huving power abroad, and hyperinflation has begun to rip Ukraine apart. Ethnic Russians in western Ukraine who voted for independence, believing that life would be better than in Russia, now have doubts. Political disarray could pave the way for nationalists to win parliamentary elections in March.

In these circumstances, the Clinton administration was wise not to wait for Kiev to live up to its pledge to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which the parliament would have to ratify. Instead, Washington persuaded Kiev to deactivate the warheads on missiles aimed at the United States, the sooner the better. And the United States will pay Russia to ship nuclear fuel to Ukraine in advance of extracting more from Ukraine's warheads.

The Clinton administration deserves credit for brokering this deal. And Ukraine's leaders are right to reject nuclear symbolism for economic substance.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

To Help This Small Planet

Ask many Americans about their ancestors and you will be told that their great-grandfather was one of seven children and their greatgrandmother the fifth of nine. They themselves, however, will most likely be parents of two or three at most. Why? Because, like the residents of other industrialized countries, they know that smaller families mean bigger futures -

and are able to act on that knowledge. Fortunately for them, and for an increasingly impoverished planer, much of the Third World has arrived at the same conclusion. As the demand for contraceptives rises, so the hirth rate in countries like Thailand, Morocco

and Bangladesh is dropping. Government commitment to population control is one reason; foreign aid in the form of family planning programs is another; and the gradual realization of Marshall McLu-han's "global village" a third. The last is almost certainly what accounts for a much sharper drop in fertility rates in developing countries than the decline in Europe severa generations back, when a newly educated populace saw that ton many children added

up to too many economic liabilities. Conventional wisdom says that lower birth rates come only after living standards have risen. In this case, as Bangladesb illustrates.

that thinking is now passe.

Bangladesh is among the least likely countries to experience a spontaneous drop in fertility rates. Living standards and the literacy rate are low, and so is the status of females. But fertility rates in Bangladesh declined by 21 percent from 1970 to 1991, and contraceptive use among married women of reproductive age rose from 3 percent to 40 percent.

Bangladesh has one of the world's largest and most successful marketing programs for contraceptives. Working closely with the Dhaka government, the United States provided most of the contraceptive supply and, through the Agency for International Development, the expertise to produce a delivery

system that is virtually door-to-door.

What has happened in Bangladesh, and could happen in all developing countries, is of advantage not only to the world's poorest people but to everyone living on a planet that may have to support double our current number by 2150. By that measure, what America and other industrialized countries give to family-planning programs should not really be called "foreign aid." It is world aid.

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Other Comment

The Battles of Kabul

Afghanistan is a landlocked country, but its strategic and geographical positions make its fate of interest to outsiders.

Some in the West appear to be afraid that a strong and stable Islamic regime in Kahul would generate a greater influx of guerrillas to help Muslims in Bosnia. In the East. Beijing is afraid that Kabul's triumph could inspire its own Muslims [in western China] in increase efforts to free themselves from Beijing. Russia, which has Islamic neighbors, has a similar concern that the mujahidin could

push them to set up radical Islamic regimes. India, which used to side with the Communist Kabul regime, is not happy with the mujahidin's training of Kashmir guerrillas. Iran would like to see a stronger Shiite Muslim position in Afghanistan, while Pakistan and Saudi Arabia would prefer a stronger

Sunni Muslim position. It is difficult to predict when today's battles for Kahul will end. But it is clear that the first and foremost casualties are the Afghan people. They have no recourse in the face of the political storms raging around them.

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A President With a Mandate to Avoid Confrontation

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's effort to coax the leaders of Ukraine and North Korea into taking their fingers off the nuclear trigger offers little to admire or like. But, in ways that his critics do not acknow-tedge, President Clinton is doing the joh he was elected in do by haggling with Kiev and Pyongyang over international stability. To be blunt, he is trying in buy off the

Ukrainians and North Koreans. He dangles ensuaring deals instead of issuing bold ultimatums and organizing international coali-tions. He is more Donald Trump than John Wayne when it comes to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

Traditionally this is not how American presidents are supposed to act in protecting America's vital interests. Real presidents don't coax. Real presidents lead, squeeze, infimidate or persuade. If none of those tacties works, real presidents zap their enemies with the CIA or the 82d Airborne. That constantly implied threat made American diplomacy far more hrilliant and productive throughout the Cold War than would bave

otherwise been the case. But that threat is not credible under this president, who has made clear his deep aversion to using force abroad.

By Jim Hoagland

The message out of Somalia, Bosnia and Haiti is uniform and undeniable. The threat-ening shadow of U.S. military might as a tool to produce change or enforce the status quo has been withdrawn in President Clinton's first year — as long as America is not directly and provocatively challenged. The exception, fortunately, is the inherited case of Iraqwhere Saddam Hussein's survival is a continuing challenge and provocation for America.

Nostalgia for "real" presidents pervades the slashing opinion-page and Republican criticism of Mr. Clinton for his clumsy climb-down on North Korea's nuclear weapons program. The critics have a point about the way he has played his hand. He has again taken away a useful ambiguity about America's intentions and capabilities in diplomatic confrontation.

After initially declaring the North Korean

homb-building program in be unacceptable (à la Wayne). Mr. Clinton appears ready to leave it in place if Pyongyang makes a deal (à la Trump). U.S. recognition of North Korea and cancellation of a joint U.S.-South Korean military exercise are chips that he is prepared to play if the North Korean leader Kim Il Sung adopts uncharacteristic restraint and allows a

modicum of international inspection.

Mr. Clinton's still unfolding deal with Ukraine's Leonid Kravchuk, to be signed in Moscow on Friday, is somewhat better than his North Korean exercise, but raises some of the same problems. Announced in Brussels on Monday just in time to top or elbow aside the day's stories about NATO inaction on Bosnia, the deal allows Mr. Kravchuk to sell for a much higher price 1,800 nuclear warheads

that he has already twice agreed to surrender.

At first glance, the price in U.S. political and economic benefits, as outlined in Brussels, seems right — if President Kravchuk finally lays down the law to the Ulcrainian policieus. parliament and demands approval and implementation of this denuclearization deal.

Strategically and emotionally, watching the likes of Mr. Kravchuk and Kim Il Sung bar-

gain with the world's only superpower over keeping weapons of mass destruction is unsettling. I share the critics' ontrage over this development. Who would not? But the critics overstate their case in blam-

ing Mr. Clinton entirely for America's resort to coaxing instead of demanding. They fail to acknowledge the nature of the hand an American president holds in the last decade of the

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20th century, and the shortage of alternatives.

Shortly after becoming president, Mr. Clinton was told by the CIA and the Pencagan that ton was told by the CIA and the Peningan that they could do nothing short of an ail-out, costly war to stop the North Korean bomb. The Hermit Kingdom was simply too isolated, and too hard to penetrate. For reliable results.

Mr. Clinton grasps for deals in part because Congress and the American electorate prefer not to accept the costs and responsibility of enforcing elebal ultimatums now that

ity of enforcing global ultimatums now that the Soviet threat has disappeared. When Congress refused last year to enact a broad-based energy tax as part of deficit reduction. French President François Mitterrand told friends that a debtor nation that refuses to raise the price of gasoline by four cents a gailon could hardly be serious about pursuing an agenda of world leadership.

Mr. Clinton has contributed to the atmo-sphere in which Mr. Kravchuk and Kim li Sung deal instead of yield. But to blame the president alone, as some of his critics do, is to compound the problem. Americans need to reflect on the costs of the retreat from global leadership that many now advocate, and not take themselves off the book by blaming everything on Bill Clinton's character.

The Washington Post.

Appeasement in the '90s Like a Rerun of the '30s

By William Pfaff

P ARIS —After Britain and France tried to appease Hitler by signing the Munich Pact in 1938, ceding the Sudeten regions of Czechoslovakia to Germany. General Jan Syrovy succeeded Eduard Benes as Czechoslovakia's chief of state. A few days later, a French-British delegation called on General Syrovy, seeking help in rescuing some anti-Nazi Ger-man refugees the German govern-

ment was demanding be handed over. The general refused. He said the refugees would go to Germany, Alluding to Czechoslovakia's betrayal hy the British and French, he added: In this affair, messieurs, we have heen willing to fight on the side of the angels, now we shall hunt with

We are today living through months like those that produced that statement. Once again people in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans discover only incomprehension and irresolute good intentions among those in the West whose values they share, and whose support they need.

Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier meant well in 1938, as do the leaders of the Western govern-ments today. They believed that Germany had a case for its claims on Czechoslovakia. They believed that if Hitler were given what he wanted, moderation in Germany would be strengthened. They wanted to believe the best of Hitler and knew that British and French voters were hostile to any involvement in the quarrel between Germans and Czechs.

Hitler understood them well. After the pact was signed, he said of Cham-berlain and Daladier: "It is terrible, I always have to deal with nonentities." Bill Clinton. John Major, François Mitterrand and the other NATO leaders are making the same mistakes Chamberlain and Daladier made. They equivocate and compromise, and refuse to assume risks.

They now have allowed Russia to block Poland, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and other countries formerly under Soviet domination from entering into a formal security relationship with the Western countries. The ex-Communist countries again find themselves assigned a place between East and West.

After painful debate, the NATO summit once again threatened air in-tervention in Bosnia — if UN Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali asks for it. He will not do so unless the Security Council so instructs him. The Security Council is dominated hy the NATO powers. Once again the threat is not a threat.

This has been the pattern since the beginning and has allowed the Yugoslav war to slip entirely beyond any real influence of the major powers. The Security Council has proclaimed protected zones, authorized the use of force, sent additional troops to this end, authorized NATO air strikes and demanded an end to the siege of Sarajevo, free passage for humanitar-ian convoys, a halt to "ethnic cleans-ing" and more. Nothing has been done. The result has been subversion of the norms of international conduct huilt up and defended by the Western countries since World War II.

There is only one possible course now that could break the stalemate in Bosnia and re-establish some measure of international order and law, It is for the international community meaning NATO — actually to en-fonce the Security Council's resolu-tions on Yugoslavia. This requires no peace plan, no vision of the future, no new decisions; only the decision to do what already has been decided,

If the resolutions were enforced, the situation would immediately and dramatically change. The war might well get worse. There certainly would be resistance — chiefly, but probably not only, from the Serbs — and reprisals directed against UN forces. But for the first time a settlement might become possible, since external intervention would have set new limits.

international community, as it finds expression at the United Nations, can be enforced. The opposite has been demonstrated until now. These are just the points on which Britain and France defaulted in the 1930s. They acquiesced in aggressive national expansion by Italy as well as by Germany, and they displayed

weakness. Their failures invited Hitler's miscalculation of what would follow, and brought on the war. The allies had to go to war for Poland, which they were unable to defend, because they had betrayed Czecboslovakia, which they could have defended.

It is essential today and for the future that the Western powers he taken seriously. In Brussels, NATO leaders were dangerously equivocal on the issue of East European security. They must, on the contrary, make it clear in Moscow, to all of the political forces at work in that country during this time of turbulence, that

the NATO governments are committed to the integrity of frontiers in all the countries of the former Communist bloc. Only freely negotiated polincal or territorial change is acceptable.

If that followed a NATO demonstration of seriousness and compe-tence, however belated, in Bosnia, it would become possible to reverse some of the damage done in the last two years to the prospects for future order in Europe. Those forces who want to light with the angels, rather than run with the wolves, might then have been decisively strengthened.

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Clinton, Too, Is Groping About in the Western Fog

PARIS - For all the frantic White House effort to assure an approve ing chorus. Bill Clinton's first presidential trip to Europe highlighted above all the confusion, lack of direc-tion and general incapacity of Europe and the United States to sort out the

issues of a new era. Compare the tentative and at times even contradictory results with the brave illusion of a couple of years ago that foundations were being laid for a

"new world order."
"Disarray" is almost as old as NATO itself as a description of the state of the alliance. But the term seems more serious now just because it does not reflect clear-cut disagree-ments, which can be resolved by compromise, but a common lack of guiding principles beyond the will to

maintain the institution.

The French particularly were

By Flora Lewis pleased at America's endorsement but no assurance, of joining in an of a future European "defense identity" which could use NATO re-sources without U.S. participation in the operation. This is a sensible step toward spreading burdens which will primarily mean action outside the borders of NATO's 16 members. NATO still could not act against U.S. wishes, but it would not be stymied if

with new possibilities of loss as well as

gain. Peace would have been un-

blocked - whether it prevailed or not.

One thing would certainly be estab-

lished, of immense importance. The

Western powers would demonstrate

that they must be taken seriously.

They would prove that the will of the

America withheld troops. But it is abstract theory, with no practical meaning, so long as Europeans don't want to act unless Washington leads the way, as they made evident in Brussels.
"Partnership for Peace" is also a

reasonable move in transition, offering an unspecified number of states to the east an assortment of technical links to NATO and the possibility.

unspecified year.
As Mr. Clinton said, it gives time to watch how various countries devel-op, and some incentive. Most important in his view, it does not preclude his "ideal" of Europe-wide cooperation for peace without any new and "them" division.

There was not much more to be done at this stage. NATO is not organizationally able to absorb new members now, and the eager applicants are not up to the necessary contributions and show of internal stability. Haste would not give more substance.

But the underlying issue is Russia, its relations with neighbors as well as with the West, and that simply is not addressed. So long as it is left a taboo question, the rest is spinning wheels. It should not be supposed that there are hidden motives, bad will, indifference or even inferior intelligence behind all this. This is truly a difficult time, another historical crossroads with contradictory signposts, no compelling answers.

Bosnia is more, not less, of a quan-dary than it was last spring when the United States proposed to take out Serbian artillery around Sarajevo by air, and Europeans demurred be-cause of the risk to their United Nations troops. There is no prospect of a peace to maintain. There is no reason for the belligerents to take new threats more seriously than old hluffs. Ukraine's President Leonid Krav-

chuk is expected to sign an accord pledging to dismantle the nuclear ar-senal on his soil, in return for substantial concessions, but the word is far from the deed. His country is in disaster. It has fared much worse

than Russia in facing transformation, and his parliament will not ratify the "executive agreement" on the nuclear issue. Can he implement it?

After a new constitution and elections, Russia's internal affairs are more distressing than ever. The opening of the new parliament was a terrible omen. President Boris Yeltsin manages to vaciliate with a heavy fist. Washington's policy of priority for

conciliating Russia has intellectual justification, but there is mounting evidence that old imperial urges are gaining the upper hand, even among democrats. Russia's neighbors cannot be faulted for their fears.

Ukraine's ambassador in Paris, Yuri Kochubey, challenges tartly the idea that strong support for the ranting Vladimir Zhironovsky was just a protest vote. "The protest was the abstentions," he said. "His voters liked what he says. It is a mistake to think of Russia in bterary terms, as Strobe Talbott does, the people of Tolstoy and Turgeney. These are the people of 72 years of Soviet rule."

The Western debate has offered sharp options: spheres of influence, leaving Moscow its old turf, a wispy CSCE pan-Europeanism with no teeth; a renewed, enlarged defensive front against Russia. All are quite unsatisfactory. So we are getting temporizing, do nothing to embarrass Yeltsin, ride out the storm. It isn't the worst, but it's far from a plan.

Mr. Clinton's trip will have been most useful if he takes it as an eyeopener, a display of the urgent pro-blems, not as an achievement. All the West is groping about in a fog, not knowing what to do now Just recog-nizing that would be an improvement, a goad to move on. @ Flora Lewis

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Monks or Soldiers?

LONDON — A correspondent who signs "One Who Knows" writes in an evening paper that the reports as to Russia's seeking a Mediterranean station in Corsica, at Milo, or at Nnvarino, are merely blinds. The real objective, he says, is Mount Athos. The peninsula, which was formerly occupied entirely by Greek Orthodox monks living in lofty monasteries, has been converted into a Russian mock-clerical possession. The Russians have bought nearly every available property. Muscovite monasteries have been built, and under cover of monastic garments and robes are of monastic garments and robes are to be found Russian soldiers, performing at Mount Athos a three years

special and specific military service. 1919: For Durable Peace

PARIS - The leading statesmen of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy gathered yesterday afternoon [Jan. 12] at the French For-

eign Office on the Quai d'Orsay for the inaugural meeting of the world's Peace Conference. The New York Herald comments: "On the decisions to be taken at the Peace Conference in the coming weeks or months hang the destinies of all mankind, which is yearning for a durable peace and praying that the choice of justice and wisdom may be heard and heeded."

1944: A French 'Purge' ALGIERS - [From our New York

edinon:) Immediate punishment of all traitors to France and collaborationists with Germany, regardless of any pressure from abroad or from the inside, was asked by the French Consultative Assembly tonight [Jan. 12] at the end of a two-day debate on a "purge" of the administration. Members of the French Committee of National Liberation promised the assembly that justice would be done by the special military tribunal, which would remain free from any suggestions by the French or Allied governments.

So Far So Good for Wealthy Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN.
Brunei — How does a small state that has grown immensely rich hy exporting oil and natural gas cope with a vulnerable independence? The question is periment as Brunei enters its 11th year of inde-

pendence this month. Brunei comprises two enclaves of less than 6,000 square kilometers (2,300 square miles) on the northern coast of Borneo. It is divided by the Malaysian state of Sarawak. The sultanate has just over a quarter of a million people. Because of threats to its separate identity from Indonesia and Malaysia in the 1960s and 70s, it was a reluctant candidate for inde-

nt was a retuctant canonitate for inde-pendence after nearly a century as a British protectorate. It has relied greatly on diplomacy to protect a historical identity that dates to the 14th century. Yet de-fense through diplomacy is hardly a guarantee of survival at the end of the 20th century. The government has been very conscious of the experience of Kuwait. It has thus begun building up its armed forces and is expected to purchase its first squadron of fixed wing combat air-craft, probably British made Hawk jet fighters, as well as a new genera-tion of off-shore patrol vessels.

Brunei has pursued the diplomacy option with skill, joining as many international clubs as possible, it has established ties with more than 30 states, many of which have an interest in supporting the sultanate's con-tinued independence. Japan. for exampte, buys substantial amounts of oil and gas from Brunei. After independence, Brunei joined the United Nations, the

Commonwealth and the Organiza-

tion of the Islamic Conference. In

September 1992 it joined the Nonaligned Movement Its most im-

portant affiliation, however, has been with the Association of South East Asian Nations. ASEAN membership has provided a form of col-

lective security.

The theory of collective security assumes that all states in an international organization share an in-terest in safeguarding each others' independence from challenge. In ASEAN, collective security among member states has been achieved without military commitments. Instead there is a working respect for national sovereignty. Such respect has become the operating premise of the group, which was set up in 1967 to provide an institutional structure for managing potential

conflicts between members.

Brunei joined ASEAN at an opportune time. The group was then challenging Vietnam's invasion and occupation of Cambodia as a violation of national sovereignty. Since then, Indonesia and Malaysia, which were instrumental in forming ASEAN, have built a strong stake in its continued cohesion and viability.

Any renewal of the former threat to Brunei would do irreparable damage to ASEAN, which is probably the

most successful regional organiza-tion in the postcolonial world.

The end of the Cold War has served Bruner's security interests. ASEAN recently launched a major initiative to promote a multilateral security dialogue between virtually all East Asian powers, including China, Japan, Vietnam and South Korea, The United States, Canada and Russia are also involved. This initiative, known as the ASEAN Regional Forum, is intended to cope with new strategic uncertainties in

By Michael Leifer the Asia-Pacific region. It will work only if n caters to the interests of the smaller states.

Brunei has external defense links with Britain, which maintains a battalion of Gurkhas in the sultanate. The future of that unit is in doubt. The agreement expires in 1998, but the year before Britain will have relinquished its hold on Hong Kong, site of the Gurkha brigade headquarters. Brunei would like the arrangement to continue, but Britain's position is equivocal.

Brunei bas not opted to join the Five-Power Defense Arrangements concluded in 1971 between Britain. Malaysia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. Although a consultative pact and not a binding mutual defense treaty, that accord is used by its members to promote security cooperation, including regular mili-tary exercises. So far Brunei has deferred to Indonesian objections to its membership. Jakarta argues that defense arrangements set up to deal with a once assertive Indonesia

A more promising overue being explored by Brunei is an agreement with the United States that would allow American forces oc-casional access to Brunei's port and airfield. In line with similar agreements between Washington and other ASEAN countries.

have become an anachronism.

ASEAN membership is no guar-antee of independence for Brunei. But it does provide a measure of assurance to one of the few postco-lonial states that regarded independence as a threat, not a blessing.

The writer, professor of imernational relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune. WASHINGTON — When Danny Ferguson denied in an affidavit that President Bill Clinton had effered him and other Arkansas troopers federal jobs for covering up trysts that oc-curred when he was governor, most of us were relieved. This had been the most troubling element in the stories of sexual scandal in The American Spec-

tator and the Los Angeles Times.

Since most people (myself included)
did not believe that the remaining allegations about sexual misconditor, even if proved true, were enough to bring down the promising president, we were willing to forgive him. I hope Bill Clinton would

not be so willing to forgive himself.

But I am very much afraid that he will see this episode as further evidence that however deep a hole he is in, he will manage to climb out.

A respected journalist once told me that he thought Mr. Clinton's deepest conviction was bis belief that he could always "get away with it." I am not that cynical, but I do worry that the White House's insensitivity to ethical issues is threatening the moral authority of the presidency. That can have

the gravest of consequences.

December began with the announce ment that two senior members of the White House staff, Roy Neel and Howand Paster, were leaving for lucrative jobs in the private sector. Those jobs would permit them to cash in on their connections in a way that the administration had once promised would not be tolerated. Yet they departed with

the president's praise. Then came the appointment of Bobby Ray Inman as secretary of defense, which made him the 27th Clinton appointee not to have paid Social Security taxes for domestic help. In his contempt for the law, Mr. Inman was doubtless ment jobs. America needs a president tlic champion, since he failed to pay up with the stature to summon the ablest for almost a year after the Zoë Baird and Americans to devote at least part of

By Charles Peters

Kimba Wood cases left no doubt about the law. Even Commerce Secretary Ron

Brown had paid up by then.

But we should note that Mr. Brown's continued presence in the cabinet constitutes another reason to question the administration's probity. After all, he could not recall any meetings with a Vietnamese businessman said to have offered him a \$700,000 bribe to open up trade with Vietnam - until clear evidence of three such meetings emerged.

Bill and Hillary Clinton were cheap-skating on ethical thin ice when they used Vincent Foster to do their personal legal work on their Whitewater real estate investment and other matters while the public was paying him to work on the president's official business.

One cannot help fearing that the ice broke with Whitewater. The stage may have been set for a Whitewater scandal when the Clintons decided to have Mrs. Clinton practice with a major Little Rock law from while her busband was governor. That exposed the Clintons to potential conflicts of interest.

Thus, when James McDongal, their Whitewater partner, said he anthorized a \$2,000-a-month retainer to Mrs. Clinton for representing his Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan because be was "giving a friend's wife some work,"-it. did not seem coincidental that the friend happened to be the governor, who could shield Mr. McDougal from undue state

regulatory curiosity. Such embarrassments endanger presidential authority in several ways. One of the most important has been shown by the administration's difficul-ty in finding good people for govern-

their lives to public service; the more morally dubious the White House, the less attractive government seems. There has long been a shortage of qualified people in government, a deprivation that is now especially severe among Democrats, who have been out of the White House for all but five of the last 25 years. It is a grave problem in a society that has too long underval-

ued public service. Only during the New Deal and the New Frontier was there a major effort to bring the most talented citizens to Washington. The result is that far 100 many of the people experienced in goverriment are mediocre. The most glar-ing deficiency of Al Gore's "Reinventing Government" report was its failure to recognize this quality problem. According to the Volcker Commis-

sion on the Public Service. 90 percent of college honor students do not even consider a career in government.

The president also needs respect if he is to perform another essential but too often neglected function of his office: educating the people on important is-sues. Take health reform. The people are not going to accept Ira Magaziner's proposal unless the president educates them about it and the alternatives.

Developing the plan in secret was a disastrous mistake that can be remedied only by open discussion that emphasizes careful explanation of the choices rather than propaganda for the administration's proposal.

The value-added tax on consumption is an example of why such explanation is needed. Last spring the tax was rejected as a means of financing health reform because a poll showed that the public opposed it, according to Stanley Greenberg, the White House pollster. But no one had explained the pros and cons to the people, so they had no way of knowing that it might





disguised as a "premium" that the administration advocates. Because it adds trouble arises, they may be more supto the cost of employment, it is almost

certain to discourage hiring. Instead of recognizing this obliga-tion to educate, often the Clintons seem not to want the public to learn about successful alternative health

As for foreign policy, it would have been much better if Mr. Clinton had hope he will confront his controlly confront his carefully explained the options and weaknesses and learn to govern him-hazards in Bosnia. Somalia and Haiti self. Then we Americans will have faith and bad given the public a chance to be in his ability to govern all of us. heard before decisions were made.

Virtually every foreign policy decision in today's world will have potential consequences that the people The New York Times.

protect jobs better than the payroll tax should know about. As a result, they may slam on the brakes. But when portive and resolute if they feel that they have been consulted in advance. Bill Clinton will not succeed in these

important presidential roles unless he has the trust and esteem of the nation. And he will not maintain that respect if he continues to appear to be a man who I hope he will confront his ethical

In Rural Java, Death Comes To a Fighter and a Dreamer

مكذامن الأصل

By Goenawan Mohamad

shows the ugly side of economic growth in Indonesia. She was brutally murdered, apparently for having dared to press for improvement in workers rights. Her mutilated body was found in May near Jegong, a village on Java, the main island of Indonesia.

Marsinab is a shining symbol of the fight for human rights. She demonstrated that such rights are not a luxury, nor are they something that those

with power willingly confer.

Marsinah was only 23 when she died. Although she lived in poverty, she was

MEANWHILE

determined to better ber own life and the lives of those around her. She was an adopted child of a poor farming family. Even as a child, she worked hard to make ends meet, selling snacks. When it rained, she used hanana leaves as an umbrella. Her family lacked the money for her to continue her education beyond high school.

But she had dreams. She believed that there would always be opportunity for any Indonesian to find a decent place. She attended computer and English classes. To learn more, she read newspapers and watched television at a neighbor's place. She once told an acquaintance. Knowledge will change one's destiny."

Marsinah was determined to change her los and escape from poverty. She worked at a shoe factory for a year. Then she got a job with a watch-making company. Her daily wage was 1,700 rupiahs (ahout 80 cents), plus a meal allowance of 550 rupiahs,

AKARTA — The story of Marsinah which was payable only if an employce showed up for work. This, of course, was not enough to

live on. Marsinah and some of her fel-low workers joined to demand that the daily meal allowance be built into

the regular wage.

Making such a demand took courage the workers bad created a disturbance. They bad disrupted the "peace." harmony, "nrder" and "unity" that are the watchwords of Indonesian industrialization and development

In Indonesia, owners of capital accu-mulate wealth by all possible means. Managers and executives can multiply their incomes. But workers should never ask for more. Indonesia's economic progress, investment in manufacturing and rising export earnings have binged on meager labor wages.

So at Marsinah's company not only

the bosses and foremen but the security apparatus, acting on behalf of the state authorities, immediately took action to silence the rebellious workers. Some were fired. Marsinah was murdered.

We do not know just who was re-sponsible for her death, but it seems clear why she was killed. The horrible wounds to her abdomen showed that she had been sexually assaulted and stabbed. Her pelvic bones were shattered. Marsinah was victimized both because she was an activist and because she was a woman.

As part of an overflowing labor force in the world's fourth most populous nation, women in Indonesia find them-

selves in a weak position.

They are also vulnerable in today's cultural environment. This is a world that has only winners and losers. It is a world obsessed with violent verbs such as ganyang (crush), bunuh (kill) and gebuk (clohber). These are the metaphors of fighting and male virili-

ty, but also of despotism.

Whoever murdered Marsinah must have thought that the death of a village woman worker would not sur much attention. They must have thought that the hody dumped on the roadside would instill fear among others who challenged local order.

Fortunately, Marsinah's case has attracted wide attention. In their arrogance, the killers failed to realize that the moment she and her colleagues went on strike to demand better wages, workers could no longer be ignored in Indonesia. And because Marsinab dared to be part of a liberating tidal force for stronger rights that is gathering strength in Indonesia, women bave ceased to be marginal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ween the two are enormous.

Watergate involved the abuse of power by a sitting president, including such impeachable offenses as coaching witnesses in perjury and authorizing unlawful break-ins. The evidence against Muslims and Bosnia

of the then-governor of Arkansas in a the Churches to Shame "(Opinion, Ion. 5) by Henry Siegman." by Henry Siegman. There has been no charge of criminal tothank Mr. Siegman for clearly point activity on the part of Mr. Clinton, nor is there any evidence of any wrongdoing.

Moreover, those self-righteous Republicans who are demanding that all this voice rings out just as every

papers involving the transaction be The use of the "gate" suffix in the opposed all investigations into the illeWhitewater development affair is an attempt to tar President Bill Clinton with
the Nixon brush. The differences has a morning the transaction be
made public are the same people who
opposed all investigations into the illegal delivgal sale of arms to iran, the illegal delivery of arms to the Nicaraguan contrasabled Iraq to finance its invasion of Knwait with U.S. taxpayers' dollars.

AARON STERNFIELD. Morges, Switzerland,

"Whitewatergate" questions the role the Churches to Shame" (Opinion, Ion. 5)

effort is being made in some official Western circles to equate the raped

with their aggressors. But most urgently, and especially as Muslim, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the many Jewish groups and individuals that have spoken forcefully on this issue, and the many among them who have exposed themselves to danger by going to Sarajevo. Perhaps, as the end comes nearer for many Bosnians, this will all "mean little." Nevertheless, this "little" is far superior to what official Islamic institutions, governments and rulers have been willing to do. How many promi-nent Muslim personalities, let alone rulers, have gone to Sarajevo? A few?

Why should Muslim ruler and elites try to defend faraway Muslims? A European Islam is intuitively perceived by

many of them, and correctly so, as a potential ideological threat to their miserable tyrannies. It is no secret that in most Islamic countries the tragedy of

Bosnia is a political embarrassment.

If we do not have the courage to defend the Bosnians, then the least we can do is to give them the means to defend themselves. Anything less, as Henry Siegman poignantly points out, is bypocrisy. TAWFIQ IBRAHIM.

Cultural Leadership

Regarding "Violence on Screen: Desiring What Disgusts Us" (Opinion, Dec. 15) by Mario Cuomo:

Governor Cuomo equates public media supervision with "faceless and unac-countable bureaucrats." But the Ger-

man Voluntary Film Self Control Board, a generally admirable arbiter of tastes, has been well-guided for years. not by bureaucrats but by the aristocracy of the country's arts, professions and clergy. If Americans cannot accept cultural leadership, then they will continue with anti-cultural leadership.

ROBERT WULIGER. No Right of Racial Slander

Regarding the report "A Black Activist's Inflammatory Speech Leaves a Campus Sorety Divided" (Dec. 30):

I was borrified by the blatant display of racism on the campus of Kean Col-lege in New Jersey. It seems to me that the United States should make racial vilification a criminal offense, as it is in Australia. This will not remove racism's

underlying causes, but it will at least prevent disgraceful speeches like the one given at Kean by Khalil Abdul Mohammed of the Nation of Islam. SIMON HAYES. Adelaide, Australia,

Grand at Whose Expense? Regarding "Unappreciated Turkey" (Letters, Jan. 5) from Mehmet Ogutcu:

Mr. Oguteu speaks of the dreams by some of a "Grand Armenia." which he says would be created at Turkey's expense. May I remind him that it was at the Armenians' expense - as well as the Greeks'. Syrians' and Kurds' — that "Grand Turkey" was created?

HAIK ARSLANIAN.

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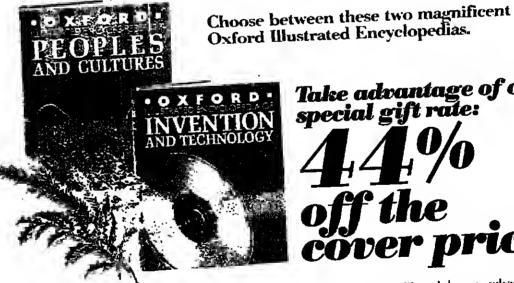
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A Gene That Signals

Armani's Cuddly Security Blanket

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ILAN - Giorgio Armani threw a big. soft, cuddly security waif of Italian menswear fashion. In his show Wednesday, the supple tweeds, strokable velvets and dusty colors were new — yet normal. He ended the Milan shows on a clear note as the fashion crowd moves on to Florence.

Elsewhere there has been a clash of the classic and the gimmicky, with punk hair, weirdo models and styling tricks.

The themes of the week have been कं easing of shapes, a resurgence of knitwear, a brown color wave and unusual effects with fabrics and texnire. The style is anti-macho, even feminine, with models slight, pale and looking faintly decadent.

From the moment that Armani opened with malleable jackets over baggy corduroy velvet pants, you got his message: "I didn't want to do real classic three-buttoned jackets, so I played with the collar just opening the shirt at the neck made such a difference — hut I hope at the end everyone felt that these were new classics.

Classic? Yes, if you mean a simple ragian-sleeved coat or jacket, its collar sliced off. Ripped down with a button on one side. Or a new vest scooped at the front and made, like so much else in velvet cord or woven fabrics that gave the same deep-pile effect.

a But this was also a collection with a point of view; that if you don't like soft pants, too bad; and that, since the jackets hang loose from a sloping shoulder, no structure comes between your well-honed body and the wide world except a light-as-a-knit fahric. They are clothes for a modm-minded man, and that is Armani's strength.

Cut, comfort and color dominated the show. Tender shades of misty sky blue or even nectarine were introduced against a basic pallette of beige and grays. Ethnic patterns were also woven through the Em-porto collection that the designer deliberately ran right on from the

"It's all Armani," he said.

THE GREAT SAFARI:

The Lives of George and

Joy Adamson, Famous for

By Adrian House. 465 pages.

Reviewed by Carolyn See

MOTHERS, don't give this book to your impressionable young daughters! Not for the rea-

sons that we, as young mothers. came groaning away from those

saccharine movies about the won-

derful Adamson couple living in

perfect harmony in sunny, peaceful

Alrica raising that damn lion called

Elsa and being so good-natured

about it that our daughters came

out of matinees, asking, "Why can't

we adopt a wild lion. Mommy, huh,

uh, huh, buh? And why can't we

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"Born Free"

325. Morrow.



Armani's soft suit with buttoned lapel and open-neck shirt.

Valentino also showed two lines on the runway — the more classic conture range with long coats, jackets and knits in cappuccino colors, and the sportier Oliver collection. Both worked well.

The show opened dramaucally with bathrobes lined with print over velvet jeans and bare torsos. The two important trends were velvet and the four-pocket jacket — a hybrid of Norfolk and safari. Oliver's smock-shaped jackets and loose shirts gave just the right mea-

sure of sloppiness and romance. Romeo Gigli is a romanuc and

dark colors. Gigh's handling of ethnic themes looks convincing and wearable — usually just a subtly patterned vest under the high-huttoned square-cut jacket and narrow cuffed pants that are the designer's signature. Those suits might even come in plaid — part of Gigli's worldwide inspiration that makes his fashion seem part of

day flower children came out in

Dolce & Gahbana had clothes in all the right modern proportions and showed imaginative knits. But his show had a lot of charm — in an urge to be hip, they hid their especially the ending when latter own strengths. The looks were

an artistic global village.

mad's patchwork shearling, recycled sweaters, mixed in with track pants and worn with sophisticated sloppiness. But spray-on colored spiky bair, a safety pin stabbing a fine jacket and models looking like Sid Vicious, seemed a desperate punk revival that isn't even new in

It all looked fresher Wednesday in the designers' new D&G range. with its mixes of plaid, speckly Irish tweed, a rugged sense of out-doors and a whiff of the London

Byhlos got lost on a long and well-trodden etbnic trail, producing pieces layered in a way that they are never worn outside Peruvian villages and magazine fashion spreads. Extracted from the mass of nomad knits and blanket fringe in natural colors, there were bowl-of-muesli tweed suits with square-cut jackets. clotted-cream corduroy pants and rugged brown leather jackets.

In the showrooms, Italian luxury sets an inimitable standard. Gucci nurtured its country roots, with jackets Norfolk-style or with knitted sleeves and rugged leather jackets and hiking boots. The superfine cashmere for marled knits oozed quality. Off-to-the country elegance was the theme of Fendi's collection of velvet-soft alpaca coats, boiled wool knits, tactile leather jackets and shearlings, all in

golf club. Laura Biagiotti made her ignature cashmeres as long cahled weaters and cardigans, worn with knickers, in the elegant style of the lightly layered ethnic clothes in rich Duke of Windsor on the green.

> Missoni took gentlemanly symbols - watches, umbrellas and fountain pens — and wove them in subtle patterns and colors for cardigans that looked like old tweed

> Antonio Fusco's research into super-light fahrics and constructions refreshed classic Italian style. A cashmere jacket that looks businesslike but feels as soft as a weekend cardigan seems a more genuine symbol of Milan men's fashion than the downtown, punky looks of an enforced hip parade.

No. 2, and threw tantrums and tizzy

fits and threatened suicide until all

At this point, the hedgehog gene switches on in the mouse embryo. The light gray stippled areas of the drawing show the locations of cells that are expressing this gene. **Direction and Location** Scientists have discovered Midbram a class of genes, called hedgehog genes, that lend Within the early shape and pattern to the nervous system, the early embryo. Once turned signals arising from the on, these genes make top and from the protains that give Folebran bottom are involved in neighboring cells signats Early formation of specific telling them their position aar neurons at specific and roles in forming a leg. sites. Neurons at the wing or fin. At other sites, top are associated with the hedgehog proteins sensory functions. direct development of tha while neurons at the the central nervous bottom control cord and A fertilized mousa agg grows to be a cluster of 16 cells within threa days, in the blastula stage, shown hare, thera ara many more In the limb bud, tha positional information from the cells, and the inner cells hedgehog protein makes the cells start defining hava begun to taka on the arrangement of digits of a future paw. 8½ to 9½ days old

earth colors from ginger through compost brown. Inspired by her newly opened 'Hedgehog' Genes Shape Embryos

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK - The discovery of a class of genes, given the cheeky name "hedgehog," has aroused the passions of developmental biologists so vigorously that their normal reserve and skepticism have dissolved.

Three teams of scientists report in the current issue of the journal Cell that they have unearthed what developmental scientists have been seeking for the last 25 years, as they studied the complex sequence of events that allow a single cell, the fertilized egg, to effloresce into a complete animal.

They have identified the genes that act on the early embryo to lend it shape and pattern, transforming a nondescript comma of tissue into a vertebrate animal, with limbs and digits, brain and spinal cord.

These genes produce so-called morphogens, molecules that researchers have known must exist but have bad tremendous difficulty isolating. The word morphogen means "maker of structure," and the bedgehog proteins are just three men were ready for a rest

> Once switched on inside the embryo, the molecules sweep slowly across the primordial buds of tissue and begin generating identifiable form, scalpturing arms, hands and fingers on the sides of the embryo, vertebrae and ribs along its midline, a brain within the skull.

First detected in fruit flies, the hedgehog genes earned their name for their ability, when mutated, to give a fly the bristly appearance of a hedgehog. Their normal function in the fruit fly is to dictate growth, and the latest trio of reports establish that the same genes also dictate structural design in vertebrates.

The papers describe the isolation of bedgehog genes from mice, zebra fish and chickens, three staple organisms of laboratory research. widely separated in evolutionary time. "This new class of signaling molecules will probably end up being the most important molecules in

Tabin, a developmental biologist at Harvard Medical School and the principle anthor of one

Scientists have yet to look for the genes in humans, but they are certain that hedgehog is performing the same role in human embryos as it is in fish. If this turns out not to be the case, said Dr. Philip W. Ingham, a senior scientist at the Molecular Embryology Laboratory at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in Oxford, England, and the head investigator on another of the new papers. "I'll resign from science."

ITH such a big segment of the puzzle of development now snapped into place, researchers said they can begin filling in the rest of the confounding picture of embryogenesis. They can start to decipher bow the hedgehog molecules interact with other essential players known to participate slightly later in development, including the Hox genes, also assiduous builders of bodies, which themselves are found across the evolutionary scale.

"This is extraordinary work, it's fantastic, and I wish I'd done it," said Dr. Jim Smith, head of the developmental biology laboratory at the National Institute for Medical Research in London. "When I started working on limb development in 1976, we all knew there had to be something like this, but we didn't necessarily think we'd live to see it."

Scientists said the findings may prove useful in the quest for better ways to treat head and spinal cord injuries, as well as degenerative diseases of the brain.

molecules that mediate important decisions in the early development of the central nervous system." said Dr. Andrew P. McMahon, a developmental biologist at Harvard University and the principal researcher on the third of the

The hedgehog morphogens also offer relief to development biologists who lately had grown

vertebrate development," said Dr. Clifford J. dissarisfied with another proffered candidate for the role of omnipotent morphogen: retinoic acid, or vitamin A. In widely publicized reports a few years ago, scientists suggested that retinoic acid could be the long-sought morphogen that sets up a body plan. However, there were sizable gaps in the data and doubts in the minds of many biologists that retinoic acid worked at such a fundamental level in the embryo.

In the new work, the hedgehog genes pass all the litmus tests that vitamin A had failed. displaying with extraordinary precision the properties that scientific theories about morphogens had predicted.

And when scientists manipulate embryos and subtly alter the ways in which hedgehog genes are expressed, they get the sort of macabre developmental mutations they are expecting. For example, they can prompt a growing chick to sprout mirror-image sets of wings simply by inserting active hedgehog genes in the issue abutting that where the genes are normal-

AMING the varieties of hedgehog genes, which play a key role in embryo development, has been a source of friction among research teams. One group wanted to give the varieties numbers, another letters.

Dr. Tabin suggested that they name each newly detected gene after a species of real hedgehog. This scheme stuck for the first three genes, which were designated Indian hedgehog, moonrat hedgehog and desert hedgehog.

But when Dr. Robert Riddle, a postdoctoral fellow working in Dr. Tabin's lab, detected what proved to be the most fascinating hedgehog gene of all, he rebeled against the system and decided to call the gene Sonic bedgehog, after a character in a Sega computer game.

BALLAL A

Many other scientists detest the new name. saying it trivializes a noble molecule. "It's the kind of idea that you talk about in a pub and say. Wouldn't it be funny if we named it Sonic? said Dr. Smith. "But then you don't do it."

adopt a hyrax? Then he can drink to all Daddy's gin, and think how nice it would be around the house!"

No. not for those reasons, but for another far more dangerous subtext. Adrian House, a scholarly, largehearted English gentleman, had the thankless task, as a young editor, of dealing with Joy Adamson when she was writing those Elsa books -- "Born Free." "Living Free." "Forever Free" and the others.

The author became a friend in Joy Adamson and a real friend to her long-suffering husband. George. House began to go regular-

By Alan Truscott

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ding methods in that situation.

BRIDGE

WHAT THEY'RE READING

• David Applefield, bead of the Frank Books publishing company in Paris, is reading "The English" Patient" by Michael Ondaatje. "It's one of the most poeuc pieces of prose that I have ever read, which has sensual under-standing of history and a heightened sense of perception." (Ilise Gersten, IHT)



escape Hitler's menace. On the ship

Joy found a second guy, declared

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To keep selling the Elsa books and movies the Adamsons had

Here's why you might not want to give this book to your impression-able daughter: Joy Adamson was

who had befriended any number of wild animals, raised them as their them to the wild.

been presented as a cross between Adamsons made their own.

ly to Kenya. It was suggested to raised in Vienna. Her parents divorced in 1922 and she took it hard. growing up to be a vintage troublemaker. She ran off with a boyfriend who broke her heart. Then she married her first husband, whose mother was a Jew. This was in the middle '30s and Joy was sent house-hunting 10 Kenya, where they might safely

Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver and Tarzan and Jane. The truth was a zillion times more interesting, and House has the perfect tools to tell this story. His work has been prodigious; be keeps his judgments to a inimum, and he bas obviously fallen in love with East Africa, the wild life and the daily life that the

this showed at least a five-card

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diamond king. Goldman as declar-er laid a little trap by leading the

diamond queen at the second trick.

But Burgay took his king without

slight weakness in the Burgay

The American team gained 7

Even though Joy wouldn't sleep with George, she was fearless on

safari. It was as though she felt a cobra or a puff adder wouldn't have the nerve to take a bite out of her. The Adamsons as a couple might have been no more unhappy than many faunting about in what seems like the most beautiful country in the world, dodging demented eleof commission, going oo a carefree vacation that involved driving icross the Sahara. They must have thought themselves invincible. Even the Mau Mau appear here as no more of a threat than a herd of cranky buffalo.

Then, something fateful happened. George shot a lioness who left three cubs. Joy ended up with one of them, whom she named Elsa after one of her mothers-in-law. She fell for Elsa, loving her more than any of those busbands (or, by now, numerous lovers) she had on the string. She raised Elsa and released her, wrote her book, got it picked up by Harvill, a division of Collins struck up a stormy relationship with Mr. Collins, committed every kind of screaming mayhem, then published "Born Free," which sold 5 million copies. (Not a just world, but an interesting one.)

The material here on wildlife is amazing, but the human lifestyle is more amazing still. Those Adamsons! Always digging trenches and pulling up fences and shooting zehras to supplement the lions' diet and traveling the world and slugging each other and not giving it much of a second thought when one of their servants gets killed by one of those lions, tExcept they worried about the lion t What a life! It almost

makes you want to go to Kenya.

After Joy was shot by an irate servant. George lived out the last decade of his life in idvilic surroundings, visited by admirers, hanging working on what he sweetly referred to as his "Rehabilitation Project for Wayward Girls." Everybody loved kind, patient, fearless and fun. As for Joy, she became one of the foremothers of this century's ecological movement and made everybody's life a living hell. There's a moral here. I'd best not belabor it.

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Teachers Fight Science 'Gender Gap'

By Peter Marks New York Times Service

TONY BROOK, New York — A gasp rose from the audience of 300 Long Island schoolgirls when Cynthia Burrows, a chemistry professor, projected the slide onto the

What stortled the students wasn't a chart of the periodic table or a model of the architecture of a carbon molecule or the text of a complex theory. It was a photograph of her 18-month-old triplets. The lesson that Dr. Burrows was

trying to impart had more to do with a formula for life and work than the properties of organic com-pounds. Her message: A scientific career and motherhood can be made to mix, but only after the science training has occurred and the career has been established.

These years between 15 and 30, this is a time when you have a lot of energy, a lot of intellectual ability." she told the junior and senior high school girls gathered in an audito-rium at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "There is no reason at all to encumber yourself with a husband and family. Postpone as long as you can." That view might seem extreme.

but she said later that women in the world of science must often make difficult choices. "To excel in sci-

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field, you must follow a narrow at personal cost," she said.

graders from 31 Long Island chools, had been invited to Stony Brook for a day of encouragement and exploration of academic disciplines that remain largely male bas-tions: the worlds of math and science. Two dozen female professors at Stony Brook, which has a national reputation as a center for science education, agreed to act as guides into those worlds, escorting the teenagers into their laboratories and detailing the opportunities that

The goal is awareness," Linda Padwa said. "It's letting the girls be aware that they can lead productive careers in science and still be feminine." Ms. Padwa, a science teacher from Port Jefferson, helped create the Symposium for Girls Exploring Mathematics and Science. "This country doesn't have enough mathematicians and scientists to write off half the population," she said. Although women have made gains in some scientific fields. particularly in the biological sciences. they remain underrepresented in

science offers.

physics, applied mathematics and engineering. Of 1,750 members of the National Academy of Sciences,

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The girls, eighth, ninth and 10th of confidence in their abilities and abandon the science track. "What we have found is that the f.eshman year of college was a very critical year for women interested in science, and that more freshmen

women drop out of science pro-Dr. Nekvasil shepherded nine zirls into her experimental petrology lab, where she studies the crystal-lized structures of rocks. "How many of you think rocks are bor-

You won't by the end of the class." The professor gave the girls pieces of granite and hardened lava to hold, showed them how to examine a sliver of rock under an electron microscope, and offered them a soft sell on the glories of geology.

OME students said that they were interested in science but had not formed any specific plan. "I'm not really sure yet," said Roopal Sampat, 15. "I was interested in medicine, but now I'm thinking either something in math or science, or maybe computer programming Jeyce Capizzano, 15, said she

for instance, only 70 are women.

Hanna Nekvasil, an associate doctor, and that heing among feprofessor of earth and space scimale scientists for a day gave her a

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general it is harder to keep women open to her. "It belos me to see pathway of education, sometimes in science programs, that women these women to see how hard they are more likely to suffer from a lack work to succeed," she said.

In her half-hour talk, Dr. Burrows shied away from some of the drier aspects of her discipline, instead presenting a slide show of her life in science. She showed pictures from the summer she spent as an intern on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic, helping to launch weather balloons for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration; of the view from her lab window in Strasbourg. France. where she did postdoctoral work. ing?" she asked, as a few of her and of a white-water rafting trip she arges put their hands in the air. took while attending an organic chemistry symposium in Montana.

There was even a magnified slide showing the chromosomes of her daughter, Laurel, one of the triplets, given her after she had amniocentesis. Dr. Burrows told the students that she had her children at the age of 39, a little older than most of them might want to try, but assisted by modern science: The triplets, she said, came about as a result of in vitro fertilization.

As ber audience oohed and ahhed, the professor talked of other scientific advances, like the mapping of the human genome, and of the part that the girls might someday play. "This is all going to happen in the next generation," she said. "And you are going to be the scientists of the next generation."

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Malaysia **Stocks Hit** By Negara

Credit Tightened By Central Bank

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's stock and money markets were plunged into confusion Wednesday after the central bank took tough measures to drain liquidity from

The ringgit plunged to a two year low against the dollar, and stocks went into a free fall as over-

Tokyo gains, but other Asian stock markets plunge. Page 15.

seas funds pulled out profits they had made in a dizzying bull market that had begim to worry the gov-ernment." The Kuala Lumpur stock market's composite index soared 90 percent in 1993.

The central bank, Bank Negara, said late Tuesday it was taking new measures that would effectively drain billions of dollars from the

banking system.
It followed that up with changes Wednesday in the way it calculates banks' so-called eligible habilities, measures that would require banks to put still more money aside as

The composite index, which fell 5.57 percent Tuesday after a government official warned that share prices were too high, plunged more than 6 percent, or a record 73.33

In the currency market, the dol-lar was quoted as high as 2.74 ring-git at one point. It fell to 2.7220 ringgit later but was still well above Tuesday's close of 2.6615.

Analysts, however, still said the Malaysian currency and the stock market were fundamentally strong because of the buoyant economy. "Short term, it is bad news for the stock market," Choong Khuat Hock, managing director of Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd (Malaysia), said of the central bank's moves

"But in the medium term, bringing liquidity down will ensure that the bull run is more sustainable, because it was really getting out of hand." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Ties That May Bind U.S. Gore Hits a Blow for Communications active video and data network by 2000. He did not

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Few subjects are closer to Vice President Al Gore's heart than the development of an advanced communications network for the country, but on this matter the administration has decided it is wiser to coax than to dictate.

In a speech in Los Angeles, Mr. Gore outlined a series of legislative initiatives aimed at promoting the construction of an advanced nationwide network that can link classrooms, electronic libraries, rural doctors and people at home.

But in terms of federal technology initiatives,

this is a far cry from the crash program in the 1960s to put a man on the moon. The federal government is too pressed to finance any of the new network construction, which could total as much as \$400 billion over the next 20 years, and few experts think the government should even try.

The cable television and telephone industries are

already racing to lay thousands of miles of optical fiber and buying new computers in store and dis-

tribute everything from movies to electronic books.

The last thing the administration wants to do is spook investors with regulatory browbeating. In-stead, the administration is hoping to influence events by reducing the regulatory barriers that have prevented competition between telephone and cable television companies. The administration also wants to promote stan-

dards that allow different networks to communicate with each other and gently prod the industry's players to think about the broader public interest.
Thus, in his speech Tuesday, Mr. Gore "challenged" telephone and cable companies to link all classrooms, libraries and health clinics to an inter-

suggest that government would force them to do it. or even propose how they should do it. Likewise, while laying down the basic principles for a broad new regularity regime that takes account of explosive changes in technology and the marketplace. Mr. Gore made it clear that many of the details award have to be marked out by the the details would have to be worked out by the Federal Communications Commission.

Still, his effort is important for several reasons. More than at any time in the last 20 years, there is a consensus in private industry and in Congress that the time is ripe for a major revision of communica-tions laws, some of which date back to the Communications Act of 1934.

The essence of that consensus is tn relax barriers and permit much greater competition between the local telephone, cable and long-distance companies - while protecting consumers as old regulations are abandoned in favor of marketplace com-

The goals enunciated by the vice president dovetail with legislation drafted by top lawmakers in the House and the Senate. Indeed, the White House has taken scrupulous care to avoid upsetting delicate compromises that lawmakers on the House Energy and Commerce Committee have already worked out among different factions of the mications industry.

By putting its muscle behind this emerging consensus, specialists say, the White House greatly increases the chances that Congress will pass farreaching changes that could unlock billions of dollars in investment and lay down rules of the road in an era of expanded communications.

German Banks Face Off Over Metallgesellschaft

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT -- Creditors and shareholders of Metallgesellschaft AG played brinkmanship over the foundering German metals group Wednesday, missing a deadline to agree on a hailout and pushing the company nne step closer in bank-

Deutsche Bank AG, the largest shareholder in Metallgesellschaft as well as coordinator of the rescue program, said: "If no agreement is reached soon, Metallgesellschaft will have to hand over its affairs to the courts." The company asked its 120 crediturs in accept the rescue plan swiftly and "as a whole."

But Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale in Hannover, a large German bank that is one of Metallgesellschaft's top five creditors, re-peated on Wednesday that it would not support the rescue plan unless "Deutsche Bank budges first."

In rejecting the plan, NordLB proposed an equity writedown, which would dilute the influence of Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank

and other large institutional share-hulders, effectively punishing them for any part they might have played in the confusion.

Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank, which were already heavily exposed in Metaligesellschaft's. losses, have extended their credit lines by another 750 million DM each, but NordLB has argued that they should shoulder an even big-ger burden because of their in-volvement in the company's affairs. Metallgesellschaft shares fell 10. Deutsche marks, to 226 DM, on the

Frankfurt Stock Exchange on Wednesday. "I think we need more time to coordinate the 100-plus creditors,"
Deutsche Bank Chairman Hilmar

Kopper said to Reuters in Berlin. [Barclays PLC said Wednesday that it was "supportive in principle" of the restructuring plan proposed by Metallgesellschaft AG, AFP-Extel News reported from London. "We have made a constructive response to Deutsche Bank in this connection," a Bar-

clays spokesman said.] Metallgesellschaft has said that key shareholders such as Allianz AG Holding, Daimler-Benz AG and the Kuwait Investment Office have indicated that their agreement to the plan was dependent on acceptance by the banks.

Weighing each institution's answer would probably delay an announcement until late Thursday or Friday, sources said. Some expected NordLB to back down and agree to the accord.

The metals giant has said it would begin bankruptcy proceedings immediately if its creditors turned down the rescue proposals.

Deutsche Bank warned Wednesday that the cost of letting Metall-gesellschaft fail would undoubtedexceed the cost of a rescue for shareholders and creditors alike.

"Self-interest dictates the need for an agreement," it said. Creditors could only expect to receive 40 to 50 percent of their 9 billion DM in loans to the company if it de-

Alcatel Expected to Control Framatome

By Jacques Neher International Herald Training

PARIS - Framatome SA, the French statecontrolled builder of anclear power plants, will enter the private sector, the Industry Ministry said Wednesday, and Alcatel Alsthom SA appeared likely to become its new owner.

Gérard Longuet, the industry minister, said Framatome would be sold in an off-market transaction, rather than in a public stock offering, because the company was not well known

enough to spark wide investor interest.

He said that he had asked the Privatization
Commission to work up a valuation for the company's shares.

Analysis, however, said the decision to make Framatome an off-market privatization would facilitate transferring the state's shares to Alcatel Alsthom, which already owns 44.1 percent of Framatome and has long wanted to regain majority control it had obtained, and then lost,

in 1990 in a showdown with the then-Socialilst

When the government says it wants to put Framatome into private hands, it means Alcatel Alsthom's hands," said Kevin Brau, analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in London,

In an interview published in Les Echos on Wednesday, Pierre Suard, chairman of Alcatel Alsthom, said that the government was well aware of his interest in obtaining majority control and he thought that efforts were under way to carry out the privatization.

Aside from the stake held by Alcatel Alsthom, the state has indirect interests in Framatome through a 36 percent holding by CEA, the French Atomic Energy Agency; a 10 percent stake held by Electricité de France, the national electric utility, and 5 percent held by Credit Lyonnais. An additional 5 percent is spread among Framatome employees.

Company sources suggested that 5 percent of the 7 percent required to give Alcatel Alsthorn majority control would most likely be surrendered by Credit Lyonnais, which is trying to focus on core banking activities and return to profitability. Analysts suggest that the 7 per-cent stake could be valued at 1.5 billion francs. Framatome had sales in 1993 of 16 billion

francs and net profits of 900 million francs. Sales are expected in boom in 1994 as high as 20 billion francs, as two reactors built at Daya Bay in China, and now operational, are to be hilled.

However, the future for Framatome is clouded by a frigid international market for nuclear power plants. The company is in a joint venture with Kraftwerk Union AG, the nuclear plant unit of Siemens AG, to design an advanced nuclear reactor for export markets, but there is not likely to be any demand in Western Europe for such plants in the foreseeable fu-

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER Is It Really the Next Paramount?

By Pamela Kruger New York Times Servi n a small office outside Los Angeles, Loonard Miodinow is hard at work, thumbing through books like "Science Facts You Won't Believe" and "Isaac Asimon's Book

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An employee of Knowledge Adventure Inc., a young multimedia software company in La Crescenta, California, Mr. Mlodinow is looking for "weird science facts" to include in an educational computer game, combining video, sound, graphics and text, that he is developing for children. "Did you know," he said, grinning, "that snails sleep for

three years?

Mr. Mlodinow is in a good mood. Last spring, he was just another television writer for hire in Los was just another television writer for hire in Los Angeles, churning our scripts with sometimes dubious premises. (His last: "a parody of The Manchurian Candidate" in the area of dieting.")

Now, he is an employee, with stock options, at a bot little interactive media company, which is winning industry praise for its quality programs.

"It's really exciting," said Mr. Mlodinow, 37. "It's like getting in on the ground floor of what you

hope will be the next Paramount.

Indeed, seemingly overnight, the interactive multimedia industry has become a new glamour field, spawing mergers and joint ventures and drawing such entertainment and media bigwigs as Strauss Zehnick, who quit last summer as president of the 20th Century-Fox Film Corp. to become the head of a small video-game company, Crystal Dynamics Inc. of Palo Alto, California.

"It's like investment banking was 10 years ago," said Andrew Postman, a producer at Knowledge Adventure, "It's attracting a lot of smart people who are looking for opportunities."

But many of those knocking on the door won't get in, at least not now. For although virtually every major publishing house and Hollywood stu-Strauss Zehnick, who quit last summer as pres

dio has announced plans to develop sophisticated multimedia software, and although cable, telephone and computer companies are forming alli-ances to test interactive TV systems, many of these ventures are in their infancy. It will be years before they translate into large numbers of jobs. There are a lot more people in the business, but

it a a very small base we're building from," said Tim Boyle, acting executive director of the Multi-media Development Group, a San Francisco-based trade association for 360 multimedia companies in the Bay Area. "There is still a lot of hiring n ones and twos." And many of those who have landed jobs, like

Mr. Mlodinow, say they have taken pay cuts to break into the field, hoping that their stock options will soar in value. A recent survey of 200 multimedia companies by

Dataquest Inc., a market research firm in San Jose, California, found that 45 percent had annual revenues of less than \$100,000. Nearly 90 percent had fewer than 50 employees.

"Multimedia is still a starving-artist market,"
says Brace Ryon, a Dataquest analyst. "There isn't
a plethora of high-paying jobs out there."
To be sure, some multimedia software compa-

nies, like Knowledge Adventure, Electronic Arts in San Mateo, and Compton's New Media in Carls-

bad, are hiring en masse.

These companies, which were started by computer whizzes in California before the corporate titans discovered the market, have been doubling. trians discovered the market, have been doubling, tripling and even quadrupling their staffs as the price of multimedia personal computers has dropped and the public's appetite has grown for ROMs, the compact disks for computers, whose massive storage capacity makes multimedia possible in computers and video game machines. Still, employers tend to be extremely selective

about whom they hire. And they can afford to be, See MULTIMEDIA, Page 13

Swiss Set To Toughen **Money Law**

BERN - Switzerland proposed measures Wednesday to toughen money-laundering laws, a step President Otto Stich called necessary to preserve the country's reputation as a "solid financial center The proposals, if adopted, would

shift the onus for signaling suspected illegal activity to banks and other financial institutions. Under Switzerland's current bank-scorecy law, banks are not

required to disclose information on clients and transactions if they suspect illegal activity, unless asked to do so by authorities. The bank-secrecy law should not protect criminals," said Mr.

Stich, who until recently was finance minister, at a press conference. "Switzerland's reputation is after all based on the fact that we are a solid financial center where you can't just do anything."
He said the proposal was a

marked improvement over the cur-rent law because it made not only banks but every member of the financial sector responsible for reporting suspect activity.

The law would affect invest-

ment-management firms, insur-ance companies, the Swiss postal service and individuals such as fiduciary trustees, lawyers and others who undertake cash or credit

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Bubble Bursts for the Bust Business

By Alison Leigh Cowan

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The legions of lawyers,
accountants and investment bankers who have made good livings in the last few years working out the bad-debt cases of the 1980s are about to face their worst fears; the bank-

ruptcy business is going bust.
Last year, for the first time since 1989, fewer companies entered bankruptcy than left, helping slow the volume of billion-dollar

That helps explain why America's roughly 20,000 bankruptcy specialists are clinging fast to the clients they have left — and are turning the last megadollar cases like R.H.
Macy & Co. into all-you-can-eat buffets.
"If you take a lonk around, there really

aren't too many other major busted 1980s deals sitting there in bankruptcy," said Robert I. Miller, a lawyer at Berlack, Israels & Liberman who represents Macy's bondholders. This seems to be the last one. The bankruptcy fees in the Macy case,

while not the largest ever, are a stunning

illustration of the meal-ticket mentality. Al-ready 11 professional firms, representing Macy, the creditors and bondholders, have wrung more than \$37.9 million in fees from the two-year-old case, which is expected to

take another year or two in resolve.
Weil Gotshal, alnne, has billed Macy \$13.5 million, more than a third of the total fees. At the firm, 126 people call Macy their client: 31 partners, 50 associates and 45 other employ-ees. And at least 24 of those lawyers each bill more than \$10,000 a calendar quarter.

For five years now, one big company after another sought refuge in the bankruptcy courts, clogging the courts and making a bankruptcy filing as routine as a Hollywood hangour. Consumers learned not to care when a over. Consumers learned not to care when a beloved airline or retailer took the cure although competitors often complained that bankrupt rivals had an unfair edge, taking advantage of the temporary moratoriums on their debt to lower prices ruthlessly.

As the megabankruptcies swelled, so did the number of people feeding off their car-casses. Nearly 20,000 Americans now make

their living from bankruptcy-related work, according to Joel W. Lustig, the publisher of the National Directory of Corporate Distress Specialists.

That head count includes 12,500 lawyers, 2,000 turnaround managers, 700 accountants, and 650 finance specialists, and does not begin to cover the thousands of people ranging from auctioneers in collection agents who operate on the fringes or spend only part of their time tending troubled businesses or their creditors. But as the economy improves and compa-

nies renegotiate their debts, the bankruptcy banquet is coming to a close, Indeed, last year, 93 companies left bankruptcy while only 83 companies entered, according to Edward I. Altman, a New York University finance professor who studies distressed companies.

What is more, fewer of those filing are of speciacular size. Large companies with lots of layers of debt and equity are generally where the biggest killings are made since each faction wants its own representatives.

Ailing Rocket Industry Has U.S. in Orbit doubled its investment in this risky University's National Security

By John Mintz

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The U.S. space industry, which put Ameri-cans on the moon and was the leader in space discovery for decades, is now preoccupied with the goingson in a remote town in the jungle of French Guiana, and it is begging the government for help.

The town of Kourou is the loca-

tion of a high-tech launching site built by a team of European na-tions for rockets that are inexpeasive to build and launch. The Europeans' Ariane rnckets - like Russia's Proton rockets, launched from Kazakhstan, and China's Long Marches, lofted from the Gobi Desert — are so cheap that U.S. firms fear bankruptcy because they can't compete.

The industry is "on its way to being destroyed" if the U.S. gov-ernment doesn't help, Norman R. Augustine, chairman of Martin Marietta Corp., told analysts last year. "You'll see people laid off by

Last month Martin Marietta deputy director of Georgetown

business when it announced an agreement in buy General DynamThose desiring to launch satelics Corp.'s rocket division for \$208 lites confront this bottom line: U.S.

That deal will pay off, industry analysts said, only if the government helps finance development of

U.S. rockets can put objects into orbit for \$12,000 per pound of payload, and the upcoming Ariane 5 will be able to do it for \$8,000 per pound.

rocket technology to compete with for \$4,000. foreign-subsidized rockets, and U.S. Delta, Atlas and Titan rockets
Martin Marietta wants a law sayare based on 1950s-era technology.

Allow the equipment tases, and fast-track study of how to rejuvefast-track study of how to rejuvenate the American "lift" industry. only if Martin Marietta is chosen to do that work.

ing federal agencies must launch payloads on U.S.-built rockets. The government has allowed U.S. launch capabilities to deteriorate to a point where they can no longer compete with those of other nations," said Loren Thompson,

The Chinese and Russians can do it

As for the equipment itself, the

rockets can put nbjects into orbit

but they are also highly capable too capable, some say.

"The U.S. has been building rockets like Ferraris, which are highly tuned complicated and fragile," said a congressional official, "while the rest of the world builds rockets like trucks -- simple. rugged and economical." Federal agencies - including the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency—have been bitterly divided on how in solve the problem.

But in recent weeks the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy concerned that continued inaction will guarantee foreign domination, has begun a

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missions are applicable for shares so subscribed. As from January 17th, 1994 on shares will be issued at the conditions stated in the updated prospectus copies of which may be obtained at the registered office of the company.

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Profit-Takers Bite Into Dow for 2d Day

Compiled by Our Staff From Dequation NEW YORK — Blue-chip stock prices were eroded by mild profittaking Wednesday as the market appeared to consolidate gains from the six-day bull ruo that ended ear-

MARKET DIARY

lier this week. The Dow Jones industrial average, which retreated 15.20 points Tuesday, closed off 1.68 points, on Wednesday at 3,848.63. It had fallen by as much as 25 points in the course of the session.

In spite of the fall in the Dow, advances topped declines by a mar-

N.Y. Stocks

gin of 12 to 11 on the New York Stock Exchange, indicating Wednesday's pullback might have represented little more than a continuation of Tuesday's shallow corrective action after the previous run, which included four consecutive record Dow closes.

Trude Latimer, vice president and chief market strategist at Wayne Grayson Capital Corp. called the market's continued retreat "a healthy consolidation."

"We're getting a bit ahead of ourselves, and I'd be very happy if we pulled back some more," she ne pulled back some more." said. "Otherwise, we'll become too vulnerable." Volume totaled 309.9 million

shares on Wednesday, up from 304.61 million on Tuesday. The market had been boosted ear-

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report on producer prices in De-cember indicated inflationary pres-

sures were still slight.

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NEW YORK - The dollar fell in active trading Wednesday after a

Analysts said the news that

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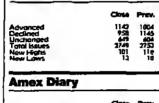
ly in the session Wednesday by a bond rally following the announcement that producer prices had fallen by 0.1 percent in December. As a result, the beliwether 30-year Treasury bond, which edged up 5/32 Tuesday to yield 6.24 percent, surged 28/32, to 101 1/32. The issue's yield fell to 6.17 percent.

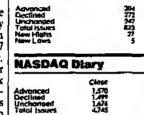
Semiconductor makers posted gains as the industry's book-to-bill ratio, B measure of demand, rose to 1.04 in December from 0.99 in November. That means chip makers yember. That means chip makers got \$104 of new orders for every \$100 of product shipped last month. Intel rose 1% to 63%, Motorola climbed 2% to 94%, Texas Instruments rose 3% to 70%, Micron Technology was up 1% to 54% and Microchip Technology rose 2% to 39%. Alcatel Alsthom, the French telegometrications commany [ell 2%]

communications company, fell 2% to 26% after the company said it expected 1994 earnings to fall below 1993 profits, prompting analysts at CS First Boston and S.G. Warburg to pull their buy recommendations. Bradlee's rallied to rise 14 to 13 after a Merrill Lynch & Co. analysi repeated an "above average" rat-

iog, citing the stock's 5.2 percent dividend yield and prospects for an earnings recovery in 1994. ChemTrak loc. rose | to 7% after Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., a unit of Johnson & Johnson, agreed to market ChemTrak's home choles-

(Kriight-Ridder, UPI, Bloomberg)





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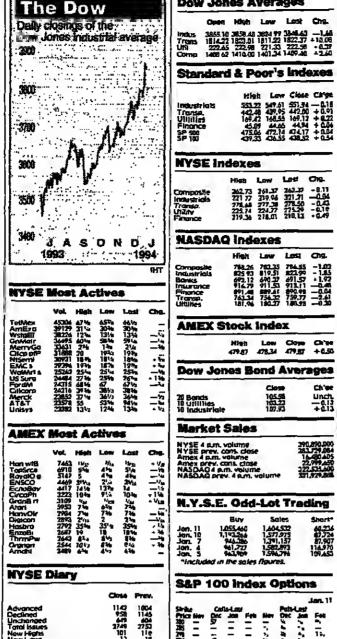
"This throws cold water on the exchange dealer at IDEA in New notion that the Fed will raise rates York, said the dollar's fall against in the first quarter." Angelo Evan- the mark should be limited by the (AFX, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) Banco Icatu.

Sends Dollar Down ports in the fourth quarter had prompted speculation that the Fed would raise rates to prevent a rise in the inflation rate. Higher rates would make dollar-denominated deposits more arractive, boosting the

The bond market rallied on the news, with the 30-year Treasury bond gaining almost a point in price, bringing its yield down to 6.17 percent from 6.24 percent Tuesday. The dollar was primed to fall after Brard would be disinclined to raise interest rates to defend against inflation. Lower interest rates tend to the defend against tend to the growth in Germany's transfer of the defend was printed to that growth in Germany's

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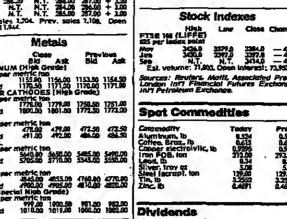
Brazil Index Closes Up 7%

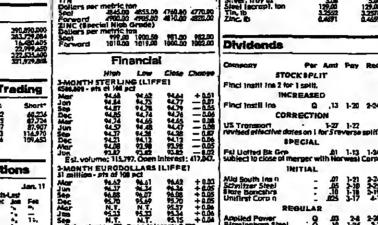
SAO PAULO - Brazilian stocks soared Tuesday, with a key index rising 7 percent, bolstered by a sharp influx of foreign funds and renewed confidence that the legislature wouldapprove the government's anti-inflation program, brokers said.

The Bovespa index of the 54 most active shares was quoted at 53,643 points, up 3,502 from Tuesday's close. "Prospects of economic stabilization, an improved political scenario

gelista, vice president at Bank of fact that the German economy is and cheap prices oo some second-tier stocks have been underpinning the Boston, said. "That means the dols slumping. She said there was strong market." a desk manager at a major brokerage house said. lovestors were fured by

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Producer Price Index Rises 0.2% WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Tumbling oil prices pushed down wholesale prices in December by 0.1 percent, bringing the Producer Price Index for 1993 to a negligible 0.2 percent increase, the Labor Department

It was the lowest annual rate for the wholesale inflation measure since 1991, when it declined by 0.1 percent. In 1992 the index rose 1.6 percent. Excluding the volatile food and energy figures, the core PPI rose a modest 0.2 percent in December, compared with a 0.4 percent November advance. For the year, the core PPI rose 0.4 percent, down sharply from 1992's 2.0 percent increase, the department said.

L.A. Times-PacTel Electronics Bid

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) - Times Mirror Co.'s Los Angeles Times, sticking its toe into the world of electronic home shopping, announced a venture with Pacific Telesis Group that will allow customers announced a venture with Pacific Telesis Group that will allow customers to request retail information and buy products by phone and computer.

Late this year, Southern Californians will be able to telephone shopping assistants who will help them tap into a database of business listings, classified and display advertising promotional material and news stories, the companies said. The information will be read to them over the phone, faxed or mailed. Customers will also be able to buy some products over the phone and will have limited computer access to the databases the the phone and will have limited computer access to the databases, the

They did not reveal pricing for the services, although they said it would be low enough to encourage frequent usage by many customers.

Tandy to Add 3,600 Jobs in '94

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Tandy Corp. said Wednesday that il would add more than 3,600 jobs this year in an accelerated expansion of

John Roach, the chairman, said Tandy would add 24 SuperCenters and approximately 1,600 employees to its Computer City retail chain, build six new stores and add 1,800 employees to its Incredible Universe electronics chain, and hire 200 people to support the overall expansion plan. He added that Tandy would introduce sales programs to "capitalize on a nationwide distribution system" at the Radio Shack outlets.

Mesa Settles Lawsuit With Unocal

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Unocal Corp. said Wednesday that it had agreed to a \$47.5 million settlement from T. Boone Pickens's Mesa Inc. and other parties stemming from the corporate raider's unsuccessful 1985 hostile takeover attempt.

The case had been scheduled to go to trial in U.S. District Court in Los

Angeles on Feb. 22. Unocal and a shareholder had sued Mesa, of which Mr. Pickens is chairman, in 1986 over \$99 million in profits it said it was owed from purchases and sales of Unocal stock within a six-month period in 1985. Unocal was also seeking prejudgment interest, which could have topped \$50 million.

Burlington Hit by Energy Slump

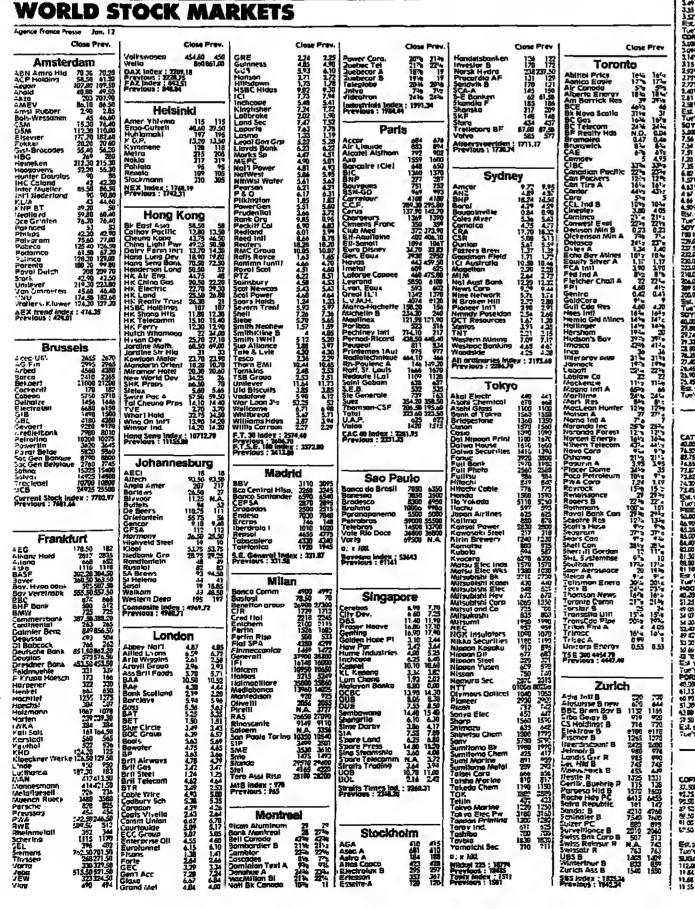
SEATTLE (Bloomberg) — Depressed by falling energy prices, Burlington Resources Inc.'s fourth-quarter earnings fell 85 percent from a year earlier, excluding discontinued operations in the 1992 period.

Although it boosted gas output by 11 percent and oil production by 1 percent from the year-earlier period, Burlington's net income fell to \$52 million from \$96.3 million a year earlier, Including discountinued operations, the year-earlier result was \$113.2 million. The company sold its interest in Plum Creek Timber Co.

Reserve sank & percent to \$310 & million in the latest quarter. Revenue sank 8 percent, to \$310.8 million in the latest quarter,

For the Record

The Agriculture Department lowered its forecast for 1993 cotton production Wednesday but raised its estimates for the orange crop. The department estimated the cotton yield at 16.2 million bales, which would bring the estimated harvest 42,900 bales below 1992 levels. Orange production for the 1993-94 season is forecast at 10.5 million tons, up 2 percent from last month's estimate.



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British Unemployment Falls Below 10%

LONDON - British unemploy-

ment fell a seasonally adjusted 46,800 in December to 2.766 mallion, the biggest monthly fall in said recovery remained on course more than five years and the fourth . consecutive monthly decline, the government said Wednesday.

The jobless rate is now 9.8 per cent, falling below 10 percent of the work force for the first time since July 1992. In November, the job-less total had fallen by 39,000, to a rate of 10 percent.

The unexpectedly good news for the British economy gave a boost to the pound, which ended London trading at 2,6070 Dentsche marks. up from 2.5930 DM on Tuesday. Stocks fell as the prospects of an interest-rate cut receded with the news that the economy was improving, but the outlook for improved economic growth failed to dent bond prices, which had fallen

sharply on Thursday.

The drop of 46,800 in the jobless total far exceeded expectations. Most analysts had forecast a fall of only 16,000 to 20,000.

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Treasury Minister Anthony Nelson said Wednesday that British interest rates were on hold and a further cut was unlikely. He said the government "was content with the present monetary stance and the present level of interest rates is satisfactory in terms of continuing to bear down on inflation."

Mr. Nelson's comments confirmed a growing belief in financial markets that the government would

percent. The Treasury's monthly report on the economy on Wednesday and retail sales looked strong.

this year, with growth gradually accelerating throughout the year.

Employment Secretary David Hunt said unemployment was on a Many economists say that Brit- firm downward trend. He contrastain is on coarse to achieve the gover the improvement in the British

Natwest Cuts 4,000 Jobs

LONDON - National Westminster Bank PLC said on Wednesday that it would cut 4,000 jobs this year, the latest twist in a saga of reductions in Britain's banking industry.

NatWest, the second-largest employer among British banks, said that a total of 5,600 jobs were to go this year but that it would also

create 1,600 new positins.

Nat West's announcement came two days after its rival Barclays.

Nat West's announcement came two days after its rival Barclays. PLC said it planned to cut staff by 3,000 more than its previous target of 21,000 in the five-year period from 1991 to 1995.

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union said 100,000 jobs had been lost owns the name of the lost owns the lost owns

been lost over the past four years in the banking sector.

NatWest said compulsory redundancies would be "minimal" and it aimed to make as many staff cuts as possible through voluntary means. The bank currently employs about 80,000 staff in Britain and mother 10,000 overseas.

Analysts argue that efficiency in the financial services sector lags behind the manufacturing industry and that the only way to close the

gap is through automation.

"There is a long-term rationalization process going on, similar to what happened to industrial companies in the early 1980s," said Rod Barrett, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. "If banks are going to compete in the market against building societies and insurance companies, they've got to become more efficient, which sadly means a reduction in staff numbers."

Deutsche Bank AG, roughly the size of NatWest and Barclays, maintains a worldwide staff of about 75,000. This compares with about 90,000 each for the two big British banks.

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The government maintains that unemployment has fallen because Britain refused to accept social aspects of the Maastricht Treaty on Enropean Union and because it has abolished wages councils, which set minimum wages in low-pay sectors.

But the Treasury also cautioned that jobs were still being shed in the manufacturing sector. It said 7,000 manufacturing jobs had been lost in November. The rise of 91,000 jobs in the third quarter had been boosted by job creation in the service sector, it said.

Ann Clwyd, employment spokes-woman for the opposition Labor Party, was unimpressed. The gov-emment is using discredited statisties to con the public that it has the economy under control," she said. Other opposition politicians said there were still 2.77 million unemployed and almost a million had been seeking work for over n year.

The Labor Party also cited a recent study which used figures from the International Labor Organization and suggested that the number of people really unemployed, in-cluding those unable to claim benefits, was much higher in Britain than admitted by the government. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

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competitiveness of these coun-

Also pledging cash to tide the 14 states over the shock, the French president, François Mitterrand, a

Socialist, and Prime Minister

Edouard Balladur, a conservative,

said jointly, "These measures bear

witness to France's firm and con-

crete commitment to the Franc

France will write off 25 billion

French francs of the 80 billion owed to it in the Franc Zone.

which had made devaluation a con-

dition of helping out, should now

be prepared to step in.

Countries like the United States,

CFA: Shopping Frenzy Is Set Off

Citicorp Returns to Russia

MOSCOW - Nearly eight decades after Lenin national ized its business in the Soviet Union, Citicorp on Friday will open the first fully foreignowned commercial Russia.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen of the United States is scheduled to cut the ribbon and formally open the new

Miljenko Horvat, Citicorp's chief representative in Russia, said Citibank's unit will concentrate on corporate banking and, later, capital markets, targeting local banks, Russian companies and foreign multinational companies as clients.

"We're going to be a full-service commercial bank," said Mr. Horvat, "People still can't get their money in and out of this country efficiently."

Citicorp, the largest U.S. bank, has no plans to open accounts for individual Russians, said Mr. Horvat, Its Russian operation will have an initial capitalization of \$15 million and the bank expects to do most of its business in

port prices but makes exports

One of the few CFA zone coun-

tries to be spared immediate price jumps was Burkina Faso, where the

government swiftly reintroduced

In Lome and Cotonou, capitals

of Togo and Benin, most small

traders failed to open their stores.

Those who did refused to sell im-

by the former colonial power, France, and an unfair world eco-

Trade union leaders in several

countries warned of social up-

heaval" as governments began to

price controls.

nomic system.

BP to Close Ethylene Plant to Cut Capacity

LONDON - British Petroleum PLC said Wednesday it would close

its Baglan Bay ethylene plant in South Wales at a cost of £200 million (\$298.3 million) to try to improve earnings from petrochemicals. But analysts said the move represented only a small first step for the industry, which they said would have to take concerted action to reduce capacity across Europe before it can return to profit.

Ethylene is an important ingredient in a variety of petrochemicals, and it also has agricultural and medical uses.

About 600 staff and contractors' jobs will be eliminated when BP closes the plant in March because of an oversupply of ethylene to the European petrochemical market, BP said. The company said it would try initially to eliminate those jobs through voluntary departures.

"Individually, these closures look small, but if it gains momentum and other companies follow BP's lead, then overcapacity in the industry will die away." Morrish, chemicals analyst with Smith New Court in London, said,

The industry estimates it has excess ethylene capacity of 1.5 million metric tons a year, out of a total capacity of 16 million tons.

BP's move, which would remove 335,000 tons of capacity, comes after a failure last month to reach an industrywide agreement on concerted cutbacks.

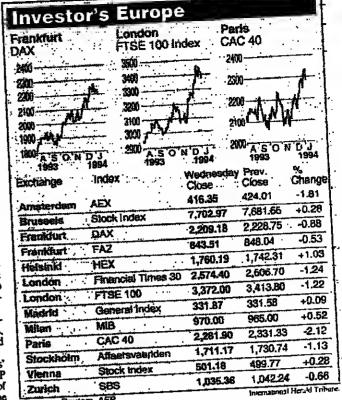
The company operates or has stakes in three ethylene plants in Britain, one in Germany and one in the south of France.

The company will take the £200 million charge against its fourthquarter results to cover restructurported goods. Many people spoke of a "catastrophe," blaming the ve-nality of political elites, treachery ing of its European petrochemical operations, of which Baglan Bay is the major component,

■ Shell-Montedison Inquiry

The European Commission said it had opened an inquiry into a polyoletins joint venture between Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Montedison SpA, AFP-Exted reported from Brussels.

prepare measures to tackle infla-The joint venture would be directly controlled by Shell Petroleum NV and Montedison Nederland NV, owner of the Dutch Montedison polyolefin unit Montecatini Nederland BV, the com-



Very briefly:

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Western Germany's inflation was 4.2 percent in 1993, the highest rate since 1982, the Federal Statistics Office said.

• France's gross domestic product will grow 1.5 percent in 1994, after a fall of 1.2 percent in 1993, the French Observatory for Economic Forecasting said; it said the growth would not be enough to prevent unemployment, currently 12 percent, from rising.

• PSA Peugeot Citroën SA, Europe's third-largest automaker, is studying the possibility of re-entering the American market. Chairman Jacques Calvet said; the company and Fiat SpA also jointly unveiled their new family van and an updated version of their commercial van.

• John Kemp-Welch was named chairman of London's stock exchange, to succeed Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, who has held the job since 1988, in July. • PreussenElektra AG, an electricity unit of Veba AG, said its 1993 pretax profit was down slightly from 890 million Deutsche marks (\$511.3 million) in the previous year; it did not disclose the actual figure.

 Groupe Remy-Cointrean said group pretax profit in the six months ended in September 1993 rose 24 percent from a year earlier, to 129. million French francs (\$21.8 million).

Solidere, the share flotation dedicated to the rebuilding of central Beirut, brought home nearly \$600 million held by Lebanese abroad. Lebanon's central bank said.

• Viag AG said its iron, steel and chemicals unit, Klöckner & Co., had acquired Molen Chemie BV of the Netherlands; the price was not

Ford and Mazda Weign : .. ope Link Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said it expected to begin discussions with Mazda Motor Corp. that could lead to production of a Mazda car in A Ford spokesman noted that the talks would coincide with Ford's a Ford of Europe plant, increased representation on Mazda's board of directors. Mazda has said

repeatedly that it was interested in a manufacturing base in Europe. Separately. Ford said that it may cancel a program to build an electric car, terming the effort financially wasteful until battery technology

It's Lost Ground for Olivetti Field Grows in Italy's Cellular-Phone War

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN - Olivetti SpA faces a tough fight in its battle to win Italy's second cellular-phone license now that two rival consortiums competing for the

network have joined forces.

The state energy holding Ente Nazionale Idro-carburi SpA announced that it was dropping its bid and hooking up with Unitel, a venture group-ing BellSouth Corp., Fiat SpA, Silvio Berluscom's Fininvest SpA and Vodafone Group PLC, among

Others.

ENI had been planning to bid with BellSouth, while Fiat and Fininvest were aligned with Vodafone, the creator of Britain's first cellular network. Now the two groups have merged to create a strong competitor for the perceived front-runner in the competition, the . Red group led by Olivetti. A third group, led by Pacific Telesis Corp., is also

Olivetti has a 51 percent stake in Omnitel, along with Bell Atlantic Corp., which controls 16.6 percent, and Lehman Brothers, which has 8 percent. Olivetti had been seen as front-runner, but ana-

another consortium of smaller companies named Pronto Italia and another little-known group, Alitel, are also thought likely to put themselves for-

ward, but they are not given much chance.
This isn't good news for Olivetti because it does beef up the Fiat consortium particularly in areas where people said they lacked technical experience, said Ian Macleod, a Paris-based equity analyst for NatWest.

Bids for the network must reach the Post and Telecommunications Ministry by Saturday, with the winner to be identified in April or May. "As far as software is concerned Oliverti and Bell Atlantic are the front-runners, but when it comes to hardware, United is probably the best on

paper," said Alberto Rolla, an analyst at the Milan brokerage Milla & Co. Mr. Macleod estimated the license was worth \$3 billion to the winning group.

As to who the winner may be, Mr. Rolla said: In theory, United look to have an advantage as far as politics are concerned, with state company ENI now on their side."

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

France's overseas cooperation minister, Michel Roussin, has been touring West Africa to tell governments that Paris would reward sound economic management rather than the commitments to democracy the previous Socialist administration had emphasized. The currency devaluation increases im-

tion, though sources close to the leaders of Ivory Coast, for instance, ruled out price controls.

Ivory Coast, the world's first exporter of cocoa and third of coffee, stands to benefit more than most from the immediate effects of devaluation, financial analysts said. (AFP, Reuters, IHT)

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MULTIMEDIA: Is It Truly 'the Ground Floor of the Next Paramount'?

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given the sputtering nature of the economic recovery, which has lately seen American companies cutting an estimated 2,600 jobs each business day.

The flurry of corporate anocuncements and deal making in the multimedia business is drawing far more job seekers than can be accommodated, industry observers

a new adult education program in Media, says she receives 50 to 100 a multimedia studies at San Francisco State University, for example, was expected to attract an audience of "50, maybe 100" hut instead drew more than 1,000, says the pro-

gram director, Robert Bell. The large corporations that have well-publicized interactive media departments, like Viacom Inc., the parent of MTV and other cable

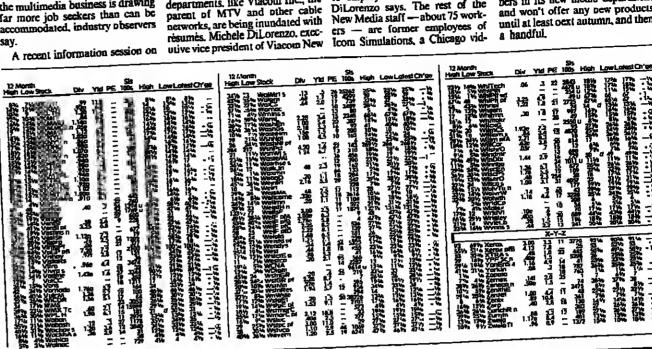
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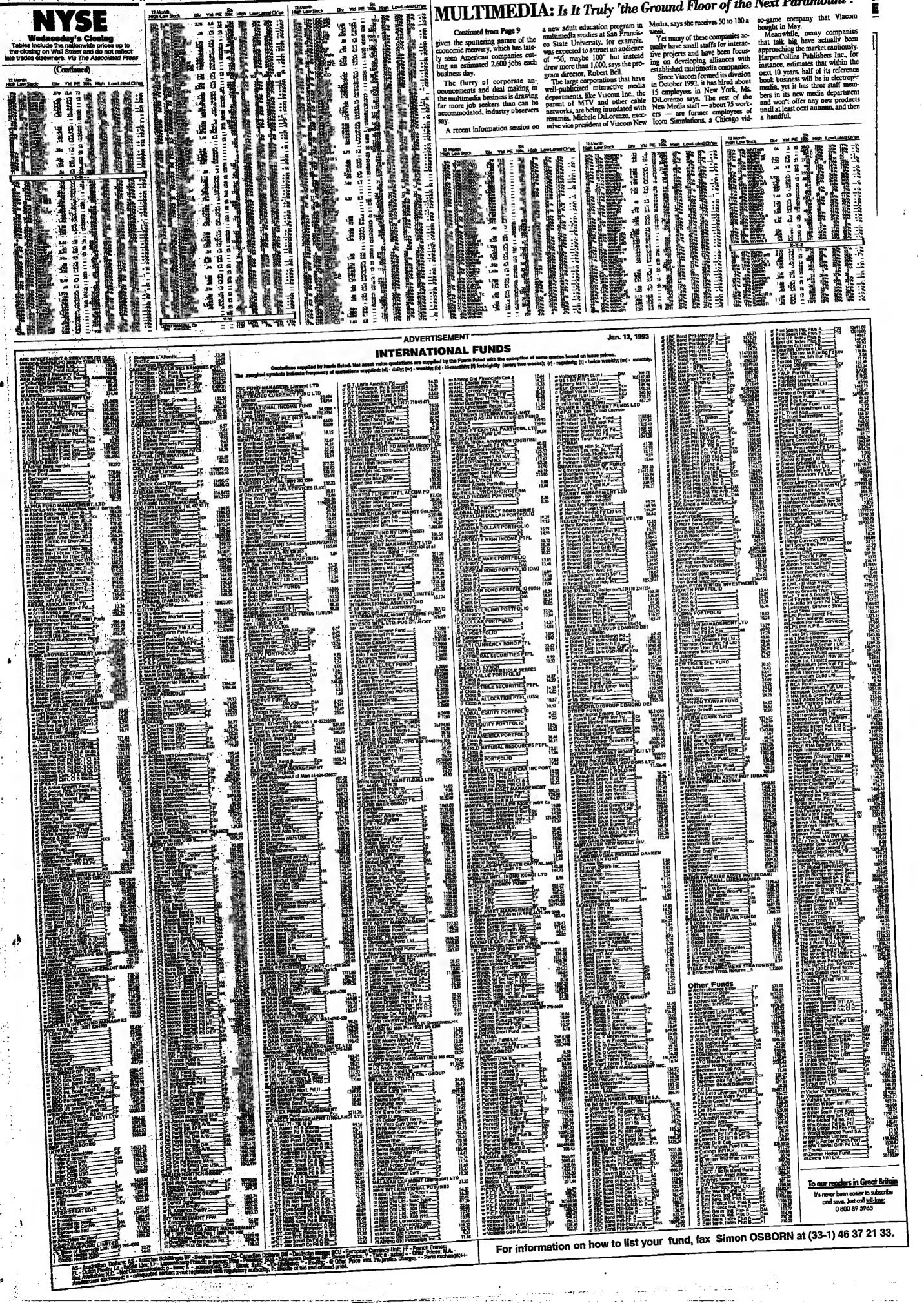
Yet many of these companies actually have small staffs for interactive projects and have been focusing on developing alliances with established multimedia companies. Since Viacom formed its division in October 1992, it has hired about

15 employees in New York, Ms. DiLorenzo says. The rest of the

bought in May.
Meanwhile, many companies

that talk hig have actually been approaching the market cantiously. HarperCollins Publishers Inc., for instance, estimates that within the oext 10 years, half of its reference book business will be in electronmedia, yet it has three staff members in its new media department and won't offer any new products until at least oext autumn, and then





GRIND: Slow Growth

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shorthand for more layoffs, more plant closings, lower wages and, in the near term anyway, for belowpar economic growth.

What makes those steps imperative, however, is the growing structural unemployment problem confronting the world's richest nations. A series of recessions in the last two decades has left an ever-higher number of people un-employed. It is what economists now refer to as the ratcheting effect that shows no sign of abating.

"Europe faces the danger of an expansion that doeso't create jobs," said Samuel Britton, director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research in London. Even in the United States, recent figures suggesting strong job growth understate the problem facing the world's largest economy.

The reality behind the most recent falls in U.S. unemployment is that we lost a tremendous number of full-time jobs that were replaced by part-time positions," said Philip Braverman, chief economist at DKB Securities in New York. Specifically. he cites November data showing a loss of 376,000 full-time jobs being more than offset statistically by a surge in part-time jobs of

American employers are only doing what experts in Europe and Japan insist must be done in their countries as well, bringing costs down and the flexibility of production up in order to compete in inSipleo Hulsmans, chief executive, chemical company Courtaulds PLC

in London:

We need major cuts in costs and living standards before we can price ourselves back into growth and work. We in the Northern Hernisohere must watch our backs. There: is an extremely rapid shift (in manu-facturing) to Asia from North America and Europe. The realization that we must work harder for less money is not there yet. It will take years to carry on with the process of making Europe more competitive. We will not see an upturn until well into the second half of the decade.

Hirohiko Okumura, chief economist, Namura Research Institute in Tokyo: The problem is a lack of demand. Japan should stimulate its economy, if not we could have a worldwide shrinkage in economic activity like we had in the 1930s. The government should borrow in order to build large public infrastructure projects. In London, Vienna and Washington they have good parks, museums and opera houses. I am talking about spending 600 trillion yen between 1991 and 2000.



Philip Braverman, senior vice president and chief economist, DKB Securities in New York: The real story here is that we have a recovery superimposed on a soft depression. We need fiscal and credit stimulus. We have to identify the real enemy. It makes no sense to defend tements (against Inflation) when the real enemy is pouring in via the rear. Unless we handle ourselves well, the risks begin to esca-late with the situation turning nasty in the second half of this decade.



search, Association for the Monetary Union of Europe in Paris: Common sense would recommend that the United States and Europe get together and form an alliance to settle the problem of undervalued currencies in Asia. There, their capital controls make it easier for them to control exchange rates, to set them at extremely low levels. Their costs are one-tenth or one-twentieth of ours so it is not surprising that we are seeing a deindustrialization



David Roche, chief strategist, Morgan Stanley International in London; We have to deregulate, deregulate and deregulate. We must do the sort of things that cause Jacques Defors nightmares. What is needed is tough, tough leadership. We need leaders to tell the European electorate that they have priced themselves out of a job. Yet trying to name most European leaders today is like trying to name the Swiss prime minister. Where are the Helmut Schmidts, the Thatchers and even the Adenauers?

Recipes for a Recovery



Peter Pietach, senior vice president, Commerzbank in Frankfurt The most important thing we could do is to reduce overregulation in some markets, particularly in the labor market. We have to offer more lobs with lower income in Germany. 1 am not too confident, if you consider present regulations, that that we can achieve much progress in the short and medium term. You have to measure it in terms of a decade or so,



Horst Slebert, president, Kiel Institute of World Economics in Kiel,

We need more texable labor asrangements in Europe — larger dif-ferentials in wages between regions, between job qualifications and be-tween industrial sectors. In the pestwe have concentrated on maintain ing the incomes of those in work and at the same time have contributed to unemployment by driving up costs and pricing ourselves out of the mar-



Teizo Taya, chief Japanese econo-mist, Daiwa Institute of Research in London:

Japanese companies have so far employed only ordinary measures to deal with the decline. They will have to employ extraodinary measures including substantial unemployment. I think unemployment could reach 4. or even 5 percent in the next two years. We must increase productivity in the nontradable goods sectors ike services and agriculture that are 70 percent of the Japanese economy. It is just one word: deregulate. We don't have much room to adjust fiscal policy.

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hard part is getting the right kind of recovery, one that creates stable, long-term employment opportunities at reasonable wages. It is that latter task that from Tokyo to Tu-

decade. What is more, it will succeed only if politicians, employers Ending recession is proving to be and workers take some extraordithe easy part of the equation. The

drive down their labor costs.

Not since the oil shocks of the 1970s have the rich nations faced more trying circumstances, "Some-

and others see two major shifts sapping the economic vigor of the world's richest nations: huge, wrenching reductions in military spending and the fall of commu-

"For the first time, the fall of Iron and Bamboo Curtains made a latter task that from Tokyo to Tuthing dramatically different is unrin may take the better part of this
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What's more, many of those work- William Gasser, senior economist ers in places like Eastern Europe and China are highly skilled and educated.

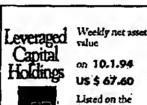
Then, too, the discrediting of Marxism and of centrally planned economies has had major repercussions from India to Latin America, he said. There a new markets standards. Britain's deficit, for instance, is 8 percent of GDP.

Soaring and investment Having foreclosed for the time

"No one could have predicted that," said Teizo Taya, chief Japanese economist at the Daiwa Institute of Research in London. Today's investments in China and

Io contrast to the buoyant picture presented in many emerging economies, their older, richer rivals face years of remedial tinkering with everything from overly large public sectors to rigid labor markets. With the exception of Japan, a major drag on the economies of virtually all the rich nations in the coming years will be tax increases and spending cuts designed to slash immense government deficits.

"Government budgets are just out of control everywhere," said



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with Unioo Bank of Switzerland in Zurich. Even famously prudent Switzerland now has a public deficit larger in relation to the size of its economy than the United States, at 4.5 percent — and that ranks as a.

soaring and inward investment rocketing."

Last year, China soaked up a staggering \$15 billion in overseas of the mess, the rich countries now seem destined reluctantly to follow America's aggressive lead of shut-tering businesses that are uncompetitive and freeing the labor mar-

For Europe's heavily subsidized steel and coal industries, for in-stance, and for Japan's agricultural and service sectors, the future looks bleak but the imperatives now seem

The rich countries have many higher-end products that they and they alone have the skills and plant to make. The key is taking re-sources out of uncompetitive industries and transferring them to those where the future looks bright-

To spread their nets as widely as possible, to ensure that they do not lose industries and employers that economists and busin they do not have to lose, the devel-

oped countries must make painful adjustments in wage rates, either by outright cuts or by future raises that fall short of inflation and/or productivity gains.

In the famously flexible U.S. labor market, that process happens daily. The trick, the experts say, is to keep those necessary though painful adjustments from running out of control and feeding a sort of deflationary chain reaction.

NEXT: German leaders say Europe's mightiest economy has pulled out of recession. But independent economists and business people have



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across the emerging nations are tomorrow's televisions, textiles and toys flooding world markets at hard-to-beat prices. Alcatel Says Problems Linger Mr. Suard said profit in 1994 cline, Mr. Barton said, would be

By Jacques Neber International Herald Tribine PARIS - The head of Alcatel

Alsthom, France's premier industrial group, dumped cold water on hopes that Europe will emerge from its economic crisis this year, predicting in an interview pub-lished Wednesday that sales and profit would decline in 1994.

The comments by Pierre Suard, published in the French newspaper Les Echos, joited the Paris stock market, where Alcatel Alsthom, a maker of telecommunications, transportation and power systems equipment, plummeted 12.2 per-

cent, closing at 792 French francs (\$133.83) a share, down 110. "I confirm, unfortunately, that the crisis is serious," Mr. Suard said in the interview. "Personally, I don't think that it is behind us,

especially in Europe."

Markets for the company's products in Europe, he said, declined 10 percent in 1993, and he predicted another 10 percent shrinkage this year. He said the economic situation in Germany, Italy and Spain, important markets for Alcatel Alsthor was "extremely difficult."

francs," about even with the 1992

As a result, Merrill Lynch Inter-national Ltd. on Wednesday out its 1994 carnings estimates for Alcatel Alsthom by 24 percent and changed its medium-term view on the company to "neutral" from "above average."

from 53,60 francs for 1995. The main areas of revenue de- government.

would decline more sharply than Germany, Italy and Spain, as price sales. For 1993, he said, net profit compention cut profit margins on would be on "the order of 7 billion older telecommunication product

Meanwhile, Mr. Suard's desire to regain control over Framatome, the state-owned builder of nuclear power plants, appeared within the realm of possibility Wednesday af-ter Industry Minister Gerard Longuet said the government would sell its stake in the company in an off-market transaction.

In a research note, Neil Barton, a

Mertill Lynch analyst, reduced his

cstimates of Alcatel's earnings per

share to 38,06 frames from 50.36

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Asian Markets, Except Tokyo, Fall Sharply

But index-linked buying and

purchases by foreigners pushed To-

kyo up for the sixth day in a row. The Nikkei index finished 308.63

points higher, at 18,793.88. "Do-

mestic institutions are still very keen to sell. Robert Owen of

Schroder Securities said. "I think

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index fell 443.10 points, closing at

10.712.70. It lost 211.10 points

Tuesday. "Foreign institutions,

mostly Japanese ones, are taking profits, but the selling isn't heavy, with people sidelined awaiting a test of 10,500," said Eddie Chu, a

fund manager at Sanwa Interna-

Bangkok's index suffered a record

one-day point fall, sliding 117.30, to 1487.76. Today was a speciacular fall on no news, said Robert Zie-

linski, head of research at Jardine

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The Singapore stock market was

down more than 6 percent at one

point before recovering in late buy-

2,260.31; "I expect the market to

get solid support at 2,200," Marga-ret Woo, dealing director at Phillip Securities, said. "Overall, local fun-

Fah, research manager at O.S.K. &

. Taiwan stocks fell for the third consecutive day on fears the country's central bank was trying to cool

the surging market, analysis said. The Taiwan Stock Exchange's

weighted price index fell 25:18 to 6,215.21 [Routers, Bloomberg, AFP]

Partmors, said.

three months of hardship."

HONG KONG — Stock mar-began trying to reduce Equicity. cets took a beating across Asia on Vednesday, with Tokyo the only major exchange to post a gain.
Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index.
Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index.
lost 3.97 percent. Singapore fell
3.74 percent. Kuala Lumpur
dropped 6.43 percent. and Bangkok finished 7.31 percent lower.
Tokyo was up 1.67 percent.
Late in the day, the Asia/Pacific

they're rubbing their hands with glee that foreigners are so keen on the market." component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index was at 117.30, down 0.95 percent.
The market declines, in a region that posted big gains during 1993, came after the Malaysian government warned this week that share

Seoul to Ease Rule on Buying Foreign Shares

SEOUL — South Korea will allow its citizens to invest in foreign shares and will ease restrictions on manufacturing companies making rights issues. Finance Minister Hong Jae Hyong said Wednesday. At present, only South Korean institutional investors can invest in foreign shares. But individuals will be allowed to buy them directly from for-

damentals are still very good.

The Knaia Lumpur Stock Exchange composite index closed at 1,066,22, down 73,33, It had fallen eign bourses sometime this year, Mr. Hong said. He did 67.20 points Tuesday on a warning not specify the value of foreign by a government adviser about the market's steep rise. The warning signal has been there for a while, shares that individual investors would be allowed to hold or provide other details. but people ignored it. Chung Tin The government also said any manufacturing companies reporting dividends and operating profit equal to at least 5 percent of paid-in capital could

have one rights issue a year. starting this year.

South Korea has tightly controlled rights issues to help support its market since 1990.

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Aiwa Turns Up the Audio Scouring the Low End of Electronics

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Even in one of the hardest-hit sectors of hard-hit Japan, it is possible for a company with the right strategy and a little luck to grow and prosper. That is the lesson provided by Aiwa Co., a manufacturer of audio equipment that has been a star performer among Japan's battered consumer

lts stock, traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, has outpaced the pack, doubling in price from a low of 950 yer (\$8,45 at the current exchange rate),

in March, to its close of 1,940 yen Wednesday. Aiwa has been in the right place with the right product at the right price. It specializes in low-priced products, which have become popular among Japan's recession-weary consumers. These products are also realizated for calculations for the products are also realizated for calculations. well-suited for sale in fast-growing developing regions such as East Asia and Latin America.

The company, based in Tokyo, was also ahead of most consumer electronics makers in shifting manufacturing to Southeast Asia. That allowed it to weather the appreciation last year of the yen. Aiwa has focused on niches. It has surged from the middle of the pack to become the leading vendor of miniature component stereo systems

that are well suited for tiny Japanese apartments "Aiwa has identified the problem correctly that they can't be everything to everybody," said Chuck Goto, an analysi with S.G. Warburg in Tokyo.

The result has been steadily rising revenue. The sales of the parent company are expected to reach 170 billion yen, or \$1.5 billion, in the year ending in March, up from 162 billion ven last year and 151 billion yen the year before. That contrasts with flat or declining sales at many other audio companies.

The company forecast that pretax unconsolidated profit for the current fiscal year will be 3 billion yen roughly the same as last year. Hitoshi Kuriyama, an analyst with CS First Boston in Tokyo. said be expected earnings at about 5 billion year.

If Aiwa is ahead of the pack now, be said, it is because "they got in trouble before the others."

Aiwa began to lose money in 1986 after the 1985 Plaza Accord led to a sharp rise to the year.

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The company was also hurt because it had begun
to expand tolo the video arena by manufacturing
Betamax video recorders for Sony Corp., just as

Sony prepared to pull the plug on that format.
Sony owns 52.5 percent of Aiwa, although an
Aiwa spokesman said the two companies otherwise operated fairly independently.

Japan Plans Help With **Bad Loans**

TOKYO - The economic sumulus package that the government will announce this month may include measures to help banks and nonbank financial institutions dispose of their huge volume of non-performing loans, the Maioichi newspaper said Wednesday.

The measures will include relaxing rules on write-offs of delinquent loans, the paper said. Currently, banks must apply to the Finance Ministry for clearance to write off losses that might result from delinquent loans, the paper said. The government plans to elimi-

nate that requirement to help banks speed write-offs of bad debts, it said. The government also will propose a secondary market for banks' delinquent loans, the paper said. To help nonbank financial insti-

lutions dispose of their delinquent loans, the government will propose establishing an entity that will take on all the nonperforming loans held by nonbanks, the paper said. Japanese banks and other finan-

cial institutions became encumbered with large amounts of nonperforming loans as a result of their abundant lending to real estate buyers in the 1980s, followed by the decline in land prices in the 1990s. Separately, Prime Minister Mor-

ihiro Hosokawa said Japan would do its best to meet American expectations of aggressive steps to reduce its current-account surplus. Speaking to a business group, the

prime minister said Japan would take deregulatory steps.

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• U.S. threats to cut China's textile quota by 25 percent to 35 percent could throw 300,000 Chinese out of work and cost one of Beijing's major export industries about \$1.2 billion, officials said. China Airlines, Taiwan's flag carrier, said it hoped to invest in China's

newly opened aviation market and to cooperate with airlines in China in the areas of technology and training.

 Nissan Motor Co.'s said it would launch its new Sentra model in North America in the beginning of 1995 and that all of the models sold in that market would be produced locally.

 The Bombay Stock Exchange's president, Govindbhai Desai, submitted his resignation after the exchange's board said he had exceeded his powers while seeking information about brokers.

China Offers Reassurance on Taxes brings the central government back

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELING - China's tax chief sought Wednesday to assure foreigners that they would be shielded from the broad tax changes recently imposed by Beijing for as long as ing. The Straits Times industrial index ended down 87.89 points, at

The general secretary of the state tax administration, Jin Xin, said eign investors, as well as foreign investors whose tax burdens had investors whose tax burdens had existing enterprises backed by for-

Honda Sees 1994 Rebound

TOKYO — Honda Motor Co. said Wednesday it is expecting improved car sales this year, compared with 1993, and it will shift produc-

tion away from Japan.

"Overseas output will increase as overseas units are becoming increasingly autonomous," said Nobuhiko Kawamoto, Hooda's president.

U.S. sales, including imports from Japan and Hondas built in America, are forecast to rise 10.3 percent, to 795,500 units; European sales are expected to surge 15.8 percent, to 180,000 vehicles; and Japanese sales, including 28,000 imports, are expected to climb 5.3 percent, to 610,000.

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Exports are expected to plunge 15.7 percent, to 484,000 units, while overseas output rises 19.1 percent, to 805,000. (Reuters, AFP)

risen under the system enacted Jan. 1. could apply for refunds.

He said such refunds would be

available for five years or until an colerprise's coolract expires. whichever comes first. But oo such refunds will be available to foreignfunded enterprises set up after Jan. 1, be said.

He contended the tax changes would end China's deficits withio

Shanghai's Pudong district and in other designated areas. Separately, Morning Star Holdings Ltd. said it expected to report

Mr. Jin also said Beijiog had no

plans to abolish preferential in-

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1994 outlook

sales for the 1993 financial year will show a slight decline as compared to the previous year and that profit after taxes will be at a similar level to that of 1992, in the order of FFr 7 billion.

Mr SUARD also indicated that for the current year, 1994, he expects another decrease in sales and also in earnings. Alcatel Alsthom said that the reduction in earnings would be between 10% and 20% except if the economy revives during the year, which is not currently foreseen for the activities in which the group is involved.

Mr SUARD explained that "the reduction of sales in 1994 is mainly caused by a reduction of our telecommunications activities in our European domestic market".

"The expected results for 1994", Mr SUARD added. "are also affected by the acceleration of investments in R&D made by the group to benefit from the rapid evolution of the market and technology, although we had originally intended to stabilize these expenses".

In order to correct any impressions of pessimism that could be implied from the statements above. Mr SUARD emphasized two points:

- "It has been possible to compensate partially for the reduction in domestic European markets by the significant development of exports, particularly to Asia and especially China. In fact, Alcatel's European companies have increased their exports by 30% in 1993, and another rise of 20% is forecast for 1994".

- "Never sacrificing the long term for the short term, our efforts in R&D have already showed some significant results in the fields of broadband switching, synchronous transmission, and mobile communications".

SPORTS

NCAA Scholarship Vote Brings Call for a Boycott

and Steve Berkowitz

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Angered by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's lack of response to its concerns, the Black Coaches Association has called for disruptions during the rest of the

college basketball season. Saturday is the likely starting date for boycotts and demonstrations, according to sources familiar with the strategy planned by the

'In all likelihood there will be a boycott, but I am reluctant to give you a time and date," said Rudy Washington, the group's executive director and men's baskethall coach at Drake. "Players and coaches are expected to participate. And they're talking about the rest of the season, like the baseball

On Monday, delegates at the annual NCAA convention in San Antonio soundly rejected a proposal that would have restored one scholarship to the 13-scholarship limit for men's basketball teams. The new limit went into effect this season but was criticized by the black coaches group, which said that re-storing the 14th scholarship was a matter of providing educational opportunity, particularly for black athletes who make up 60 percent to 70 percent of the NCAA's Division

l men's basketball players. The group had also asked delegates at the convention to reconsider instituting new academic star-dards for athletes, saying the such changes would have a profound im-

Although Division I delegates laying traffic to NCAA tourna-overwhelming voted to approve a ment games; delaying the start or "thorough review" of tougher stan-dards for freshmen athletes, they "did nothing" about being sensitive to the coaches group's issues, said Mike Jarvis, men's basketball coach at George Washington.

"I can't tell you what's going to happen, but maybe it's time for something," he said.

The prospect of a boyeout

prompted the commissioners of the nation's major basketball-playing conferences to schedule a conference call for Thursday afternoon to decide how to react if a boycott

Sources said the black coaches group expects some support from high-profile white coaches. Asked about whether he would support a boycott, Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, who is white, said, "I think it's premature to make a definite statenent about that "

"The basis here is about oppor-tunity for black nthletes, and let's not cover it up with other things that do not pertain to the issue at all," he said.

Sources said the black coaches group, which represents coaches in all sports, has been planning for this possibility since September and said protests and demonstrations were planned to include players, other black students and white

Other possible actions being considered by the group include refusing to participate in the opening jump ball at the NCAA tournament's championship game; dem-onstrating at the four NCAA May, and the draft generally has regional championship games; de-taken place in late June.

the second half of games by 20 minutes, or both; boycotting all news conferences; requesting local chapters of the NAACP, the Rainbow Coalition and black student unions to picket NCAA tournament games; conducting a court sit-in during a regular season game, and delaying a televised regular season game by 20 minutes.

In a potentially significant vote dwarfed by the specter of a boy-cott, the NCAA schools approved legislation Tuesday that will allow underclassmen to be drafted by National Basketball Association teams once without forfeiting their eligibility, beginning immediately. Previously, underclassmen for-feited their eligibility when they informed the NBA they were mak-ing themselves available for the draft.

Now, underclassmen who enter the draft will retain their collegiate eligibility until 30 days after the draft. If they declare their intention to return to college during that period, they will be allowed to resume playing for their schools.

This could give underclassmen a considerable degree of leverage in negotiations with NBA teams. It also could cause problems for NCAA coaches, whose recruiting could be affected by players chang-ing their minds about leaving. The deadline for underclassmen to make themselves eligible for the



Ross Halas stole the ball from Kenyon Murray as Indiana again proved to be too good for Iowa.

No. 4 Arkansas Wins **As LSU Cries Foul**

The loss to No. 4 Arkansas burt, said LSU's coach, Dale Brown. The way it happened made it doubly hard to

Clint McDaniel made a free throw with 39 seconds left to break the game's final tie and LSU's Jamie Brandon missed two shots in the final seconds as the Razorbacks

slipped by the visiting Tigers, 84-83, Tuesday night.

MeDaniel swiped the ball from Andre Owens at midcourt, then was fouled by Owens.

"It was so sad to end such a good game with such a terrible call," Brown said "Twenty-thousand"

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

screaming Arkansas fans

Could see with their own eyes that (McDaniel) fouled him."

Brown headed for the officials' dressing room after the game, but security personnel blocked him.

McDaniel missed the second free throw. Brandon's 12footer hit the rim, but LSU (7-4, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) got the rebound and Brandon missed again from about the same distance.

Corliss Williamson was 11-for-13 from the field and finished with 24 points for Arkansas (11-1, 2-1). No. 11 Indiana 89, Iowa 75: Damon Bailey Graham each had 20 points and Brian Evans, playing with

his separated right shoulder in a brace, scored a career-high 21 to lead the visiting Hoosiers (9-2, 2-0 Big Ten) to their fifth straight victory over Iowa (6-6, 0-3). No. 13 Temple 76, Penn 65: The Owls' big three — Aaron McKie, Eddic Jones and Rick Brunson — combined for 62 points as Penn's eight-game winning streak was snapped. McKie had 24 points as Temple (8-2) took command with a 15-4 run in the final minutes for its 13th straight victory over its city rival. Brunson, the point guard, was 6-for-7 from the field and had 16 points and didn't commit a turnover. Jerome Allen led the visiting Quakers (9-2) with 26 points.

Reviews Are Mixed As NHL Reaches The Halfway Point

By Joe Lapointe

NEW YORK -As the National Hockey League's regular season season of 76 goals, the sophomore reaches the midway point, some firends are becoming clear.

Scoring is down, fighting is up, this point, each game averaged 7.30

suspensions are numerous, expansion is n success, labor-management relations are touchy, key injuries are plentiful. Pleasant Surprises

Expansion. This season's new teams may be hockey's best pair of first-year franchises ever. Partly because of a generous expansion last season but squandered their

respectable.
The Panthers are contending for a playoff berth, and the Ducks are a success at the gate and the souve- to Pittsburgh. nir stand.

Esa Tikkanen, whose career seemed in jeopardy when he fin-ished poorly last season, has been one of the best players on the New York Rangers, one of the best teams. Can he keep it up? Cam Neely, in the third year of a

comeback from a major leg mjury, is once again n prototype power forward for the Boston Bruins.

Brian Burke, hired as second in command behind Commissioner Gary Bettman, is cracking down on stick fouls, although his tolerance for fistlighting has encouraged more of it.

German Titov, a 28-year-old, rookie from Russia who played last season in Finland, has helped keep. Calgary in first place in the Pacific Division.

The Dallas Stars, with Bob Gainey, their general manager and coach, running a roster of mediocre talent, are challenging for the lead of the Central Division and gaining a following in a prime market.

Dominik Hasek of the Buffalo

Sabres is the leading candidate for the Vezina Trophy as the top goaltender, although part of the reason for his success is the defensive style adopted by the Sabres after the

Sergei Fedorov, the Detroit cen-Hart Trophy as most valuable playriart Trophy as most valuable player.

cr. Everyone knew he was good in his first three seasons, but his goal cow to negotiate a contract with the San Jose Sharks after the Russian surge, total effort and spinied leadership have exceeded the hopes of even his strongest boosters.

Tampa Bay has drawn crowds of more than 20,000 in St. Petersburg in for some home games in a doned haschall stadium. This is how the surgest that the player is the stadium of the forward; who still might play for Russia in mean month's I stellarmer of immerces.

for some home games in a domed baseball stadium. This is how the Detroit Pistons built a stable basketball franchise, first at the Silverdome, then at the Palace of Anburn the Russian League playoffs in will March.

ESPN 2, if you can get it. The cable network adds some pizazz. with adventurous production val-ues and, most of all, exposure for an underexposed sport.

Biggest Disappointments
A plague of injuries. Out for long stretches have been Mario Le-mieux, Eric Lindros, Steve Yzerman and Mike Modano. The reasons include too many games, too much travel and too much ice time. for stars brought about by the do-

Teemn Selanne. After a rookie

goals. So far this year, the average is 6.06. Referees allow too much clutching and grabbing. Fighting majors are up from 619 to 909.

The efficials' strike. Please, nev-

curart, partly because of smart management and partly because of marty McSoriey got caught using ownership with deep pockets, the Florida Panthers and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim are more than respectable. owner is selling part of the team, the general manager is squabbling with the coach and the coach misses McSorley, who was traded

Television ratings, down slightly from last year on ESPN. Pavel Bure and his Vancouver Canneks.

What's Ahead
The return of Mario Lemieux.
This league needs healthy, happy

The trade logiam will break. Possible change of scenes for Ed Belfour of Chicago, Shayne Corson of Edmonton, Mike Garmer from the Rangers, Peter Nedved of Vancouver, Steve Duchesne and Mike Rud of Quebec, three or four Islanders, several Los Angeles Kings players and one of those Calgary goalies.

More coach dismissals. So far only Ted Green in Edmonton and Paul Holmgren in Hartford have left their bench positions, taking other roles with their organizations. An influx of players after the Winter Olympics, Canada's Paul Kariya might help Anaheim gain the Stanley Cup playoffs or Maine capture the NCAA championship. Even Peter Stastny might renim, to someone, from Slovakia.

A big shake-up in Chicago. Collective bargaining agreement between the players and the own-ess. A strike before the playoffs is

 Viktor Kozlov, the sixth selection ter, is the leading candidate for the "tion in the 1993 NHL entry draft, has been cleared by Dynamo Mos-cow to negotiate a contract with the

in mid-March.

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Jordan the Outfielder? 'You Never Know'

TOKYO - If any man was ever the picture of contentment, Michael Jordan was it Wednesday as he sat back in a leather chair at his restaurant in Chicago and addressed a roomful of fananese admirers via satellite.

By his own reckoning, Jordan is a raging success: His restaurant busi-ness is booming, and he has a bestselling book and more than enough time for golf and taking care of his

David Robinson found four ways to

He had 27 points, 12 rebounds, 10

assists and 8 blocks Tuesday night as the Spurs won, 108-98, in San Anto-

ing the third player in NBA history to

record a quadruple-double --- posting

double figures in four categories. Nate Thurmond did it in 1974 and Alvin

Willie Anderson of the Spurs.

"David was David." said forward

Robinson's triple-double was his

12th in the NBA and second of the

"He's a terrific player - one of the best in the league, no doubt," Minne-

sota center Luc Longley said. "His

DENNIS THE MENACE

season against the Timberwolves.

Robertson in 1986.

beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

family. Everything a man at the tender sociation in October, might be considage of 30 could want.

Everything, he concedes, except maybe a job in major league baseball. "I don't know if my talents are good enough to play for anybody right now," he said when asked half-joking-ly if his future plans included trying his hand at professional baseball. "But if I ever get good enough, you never

Robinson Gives Wolves Lot to Chew On

tory in nine games.

the second quarter.

ering a career on the diamond had been fueled this month by his newfound propensity for turning up at Comiskey Park for batting practice

with the Chicago White Sox.

Jordan said he enjoys the competition element of the workouts, and has been putting in about three bours on the diamond each day. He also noted

know,"

Speculation that Jordan, who retired from the National Basketball As-

lateral speed out on the floor gives me its sixth straight loss. John Starks problems." San Antonio outscored Minnesota third-period surge that broke the game

30-17 in the third period to take an 88- open. Nuggets 94, Pistons 86: Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 10 of his 17 points 66 lead, and cruised to its eighth vic-Trail Blazers 108, Sonics 99: Rod in the fourth quarter as Denver ex-10. It was the Nuggets' first win at Detroit since 1988. NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Hornets 95, Suns 93: In Phoenix, Hersey Hawkins' 3-pointer with 2:46 left gave Charlotte the lead for good rebounds and no turnovers as Portland, playing at bome, handed Scattle only its fourth loss in 30 games. The Sonics never seriously threatened after over the cold-shooting Suns. The Hornets held Phoenix to 15 points in the fourth quarter and handed the Suns the Trail Blazers pulled away early in their third home loss in 18 games. The Suns played without the injured Knicks 98, Clippers 77: Patrick Ewing scored 31 points and New York outscored Los Angeles, 29-15, in the third period to hand the visiting team Charles Barkley and Kevin Johnson; the Hornets were missing Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson.

"I was a pitcher," be said with pride, "I don't think my arm is strong enough for the Majors, or even AAA, anymore. I think I'm more suited now to play outfield. I can still throw people out at third."

Jordan did not elaborate on his plans, but the owner of the White Sox, Jerry Reinsdorf, indicated last week that he did not expect the two-time Olympic gold medalist and seven-time NBA leading scorer to show up for spring training next month.

The former NBA star was beamed into Tokyo live for a reception held by the chairman of Nike Inc., Philip H. Knight, who is here to kick off the company's "Just Do It" advertising campaign in the Japanese market. Jordan said he did not miss being out of professional sports and was not

considering a return to basketball. "I don't have any itches of getting back out there," he said. "I'm over

Before signing off, Jordan suggested a second career possibility for another NBA superstar elaiming to be ready to move on: Charles Barkley, who has said be plans to retire after this season.

There comes a time in life when you need to try something new, and sumo wrestling may be that challenge for him, you never know," Jordan said with a wry smile. "He picks up about 20 pounds every summer, so he's get-ting there. He could certainly be a sumo wrestler.'

CALVIN AND HOBBES





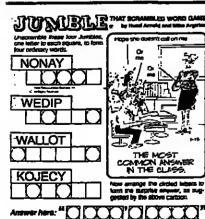








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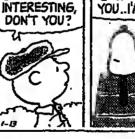
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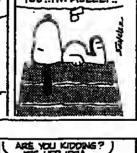








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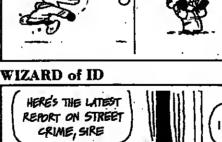
















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At L.A. Coliseum, the Unnecessary Roughness Is Mostly in the Stands

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annoyance. That guy had not been shot or stabled or beaten; he just fell out of the stands. Whatever happened to those laid-back.

ers," the guard said. "You don't want to count even worse than the guy wearing the John El-that, do you?" The look on his fact was one of way jacket who stood up and strutted after

Denver's first pass completion, only to be smashed senseless before the next play. Earlier, a Bulfalo fan walked through the rather infamous Lot 6 wearing a Bills jersey. It was promptly ripped from his body, soaked in lighter fluid and set afire. Officers from the

LA: Police Department made the assembled toughs take up a collection to pay for the jersey. It has also become a pregame ritual of sorts, there in that same Lot 6, to rub the bullet dged in the stomach of one Raider fau. RFK Stadium in Washington has lawyers: the Coliseum has drug dealers. Giants Stadium

Bloods. One player for the Raiders said he would like to see club officials institute a gunsfor-tickets exchange.

The Raiders — with their colors of black and silver, the logo of a pirate with a patch over one eye and swords behind him, a team whose very

has Blue Bloods; the Coliseum has Crips and

existence is wrapped in intimudation, challeng-ing authority and second chances — have always attracted those who color outside the lines. In Lot 6, a safe haven of sorts for people from various warring factions to declare a truce for eight Sunday afternoons a year, men play pregame football. Tackle, not touch. No pads. ometimes barefoot, with broken glass everywhere. One Lot fer told the Los Angeles Times that one of his favorite plays of the season occurred outside the stadium, where "a guy caught a pass and ran full speed into the grill no a Chery. The talk here isn't about stock tips a Chery." The talk here isn't about stock tips and politics; it's about having served hard time. And, we should add, this isn't about race. It has to be the most racially and ethnically diverse crowd to gather at any stadium in this country, maybe the world. Diversity still can be

frightening when, simply from the conversa-tion going on in the stands, you can figure out

have been in jail or should have been. Hooligans would need lessons to learn how to look this tough. Some of the Raiders' players say their wives and children have never seen them in a game. Too dangerous, too much marijuana in the air, too many stretchers on stand-by.

High rollers? No Jack Nicholson, no Dyan Cannon here. Magic Johnson came to a game a couple of weeks ago. Stood on the Raiders sideline. High rollers nowadays sit in sky-boxes, and the Coliseum doesn't have any. In fact, what is missing at the Coliseum is a moat. There are no night games there. People said it is simply too dangerous.

This isn't Washington or Denver or Chicago

or even Pittsburgh, where those of means wait impatiently for the right to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars to secure a seat. The folks

don't know until Saturday if they will have the \$35 it costs to attend Sunday's game. And then parking is another \$15 to \$25, depending on how close you can get and whether you want your car to be there when you get back.

At the end of Sunday's game, a small army of policemen and privately hired security peo-ple eneuroled the closed end of the Coliscum. People screamed things at them you just cannot believe. Here and there you could see a parent and his or her children, u few people who looked as if they just as easily could have been touring a museum. But they were overwhelmedby tattoos and bare chests, by faces painted. black and silver, by T-shirts that declared what

fans of opposing teams might get done to them.

They poured happily into some of L.A.'s most unsettled and violent streets, many if not most of them to lives a far sight tougher than.

Giants vs. 49ers: An NFC Reunion

By Mike Freeman New York Times Service EAST RUTHERFORD, New They are as Lawrence

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Taylor said, old friends. The San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants have gone against each other so many times in the post-season that it's as if the 49ers are in the Giants' division. But they aren't the kind of friends who invite the other over for dinner to meet the family.

If the past is any indication, when the Giants and 49ers meet on Saturday at Candlestick Park in a National Football Conference playoff game, it will not only be an exciting game. Based on what the winner has done in the past, it could mean a Super Bowl trip for

the victor.

Dan Reeves, the coach of the Ciants, and George Seifert, his play, Selfest said. He's a strong-counterpart with the 49ers, using wilest coach and that's something coach speak, have each proclaimed he has given to his players. The two teams have been in-

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"We've played each other so of-ten in the last few years, we're fa-miliar with one another," said Seifert. "It seems like Phil Simms has been with the Giants since I was in

high school." The Giants and 49ers are actually closer than you might think. Mike Shanahan, the offensive coordinator for the 49ers, was in the same position under Reeves when the two were in Denver — until Receves fired him. The man responstores into ann. I ne man responsible for coming up with a plan to store the best effects in football, the Giant's defensive coordinator, Mike Nolan was on the Denverstaff, when Shanahan was still there. The 49ers have noticed that the Giant are noing some of the plays Reeves used in Denver.

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Way galaxy and as unbeatable as

Godzilla.

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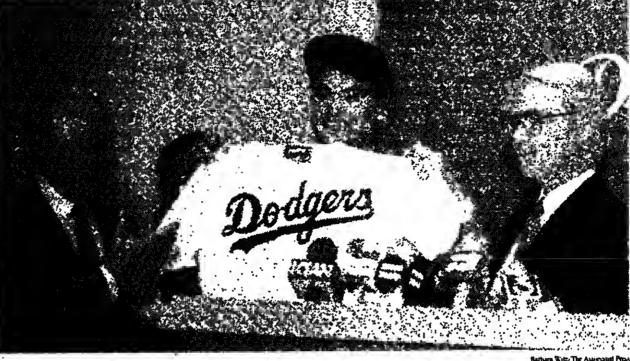
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A NEW ORIENT EXPRESS - Pitcher Park Chan Ho was applauded in Los Angeles by the Dodgers' manager, Tom Lasorda, left, and the team's general manager, Fred Claire, as he became the first Korean to sign with a major league club in 15 years and the second in baseball history. The right-hander from Kong Ju City, South Korea, whose fastball has been clocked at 99 mph, got a signing bonus of \$1.2 million for a minor-league contract, but will attend the Dodgers' spring training camp. If Park, 20, makes it to the majors, he will be the first Korean to so. Park Chul Soon signed with the Milwaukee Brewers in 1979, but got only to double A.

says he doesn't see any glaring weaknesses, but if that's the case

There is little doubt what the

They have an explosive of particular of particular and a tory in the semifinals.

They have an explosive of woman named Edna came on the fense, said guard William Roblest College of \$130.84.85.85, and the signation is far different. In

past years the 49ers' defense was the field. Instead of 3 points, we usually pretty good, but this year need to get 7. It's going to come it's much weaker. Reeves, however, down to our running game. We want to dictate the tempo. But will Steve Young and Jerry

> more, so as part of an on-air bit be called the Mayflower World-Wide Moving office in Baltimore and a

"What is it you want to move?" Edna asked. "Some office equipment, some

weights, actually quite a bit of stuff," Lamb said. "You ever moved a sports team before?" er Wednesday of the
Edna: "Yeah, we moved the Panthers expansion team. Loiss, a mean our con Lamb, seeing he had a live one: NFL's vice president of football

Well, oow you can't tell anybody, but we're looking imo moving the job.
Rams to Baltimore and need to H know how much it would cost." Edna: "Sure just fax me an inventory. You can sign it with a phony name if you like. Sign it Joe

Edna's guestimate was \$25,000.

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Pointer, recuivers coach; Rick Venturi, de-lensive coordinator; George Catovalos, sec-

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Arrests Are Said To Be Imminent in Attack on Kerrigan said, "I have more faith in my wife,

"absurd."

There was no indication that

Harding had any involvement in

the attack or knew anything about

The minister, Eugene C.

Saunders, told investigators an ac-

quaintance played the tape record-

ing for him, the newspaper reported,

Crowe about the tape, a man with

connections to Harding had ap-

and asked him to arrange an "accident" that would knock Kerrigan

Crowe said Saunders' acquaint;

ance became worried after receiv-

ing threats from the Arizona man because the man who allegedly hired

Efforts to find Saunders early

Wednesday were unsuccessful. There

is no phone listing for a Eugene C., Saumders in the Portland area.

Bart Gort, spokesman for the FBI in Oregon, told The Oregonian

that "the events surrounding that attack possibly involved a federal

the "hit" had failed to pay him.

out of the competition.

Saunders turned to Gary Crowe,

PORTLAND. Oregon — Law than to bump off her competition.", enforcement sources said Wednesday that the FBI would announce Eric Eckardt called the allegations. arrests later in the day in relation to last week's attack on U.S. Olympic

figure skater Nancy Kerrigan. Dewey Blanton, a spokesman for Kerrigan, said that the skater's it the newspaper said. family "was informed by the FBI of an impending development."

That followed a report by the Portland Oregonian newspaper that the FBI was investigating allegations that the husband of figure a private investigator, and told him skater Tonya Harding and her about the alleged plot.

According to what Saunders told bodyguard arranged Thursday's attack on Kerrigan. A Portland minister told investi-

gators he had listened to a tape proached Saunders's acquaintance recording of Harding's husband and bodyguard plotting with a third man, described as a "hit man" from Arizona, to injune Kerrigan.

It was oot clear if the announcements were related to The Oregonian's report.

Kerrigan was struck on the leg after a practice session last Thursday, suffering severe bruises that forced her to withdraw from the U.S. national championships in Detroit. The championships also serve as the U.S. Olympic trials.

Bill Polian, a two-time NFL

executive of the year as the man

credited with converting the Buffa-

lo Bills from losers to NFL con-

tenders, was named general manag-

er Wednesday of the Carolina

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He has been a widely sought

commodity since his controversial

firing by the Bills' owner, Ralph

Wilson, following last season's 52-17 Super Bowl loss to the Dallas

Cowboys, It was Buffaio's third

Winston Increases Whitbread Lead

SOUTHAMPTON, England (APt - Dennis Conner's strategy of

separating from the rest of the fleet continued to pay dividends Wednes-

day as the American yacht Winston extended its lead in the third leg of

the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Winston, a Whitbread 60 entry, led the nearest rival in its class, the Japanese-New Zealand yacht Tokio, by 83 nautical miles. The leading

boat in the Maxi class, New Zealand Endeavor, was 77 miles off the lead

Winston is more than 120 miles south of the main pack, in the latitudes

known as the Roaring Forries. Others boats, upon learning that Winston was in the lead, have copied Conner's strategy and have sailed further

Richard Matthews, chairman of the Crusade Yacht Club, which was mounting Britain's challenge for the 1995 America's Cup, said Wednes-day that the syndicate had been unable to assemble the \$250,000-dollar

Holyfield Cut, Botha Bout Canceled

NEW YORK (Remers) - Former champion Riddick Bowe has needed 10 stitches to close a cut sustained in a sparring session, which has forced the cancellation of his light next month against South African

Bowe's manager, Rock Newman said "a freak accident" reopened an

old cut over his left eye. Newman said he was not sure when Bowe would

return to the ring, or who would be the opponent. Bowe had been

scheduled to fight Botha on Feb. 5 in Las Vegas.

• Undefeated Yuichi Kasai of Japan will challenge WBA junior

featherweight champion Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico on March 2 in

Kevin Reisser of the Milwaukee Brewers and Brian Traxler of the Los

Angeles Dodgers' Triple-A farm club will play for the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks in the 1994 season, the Japanese team said Wednesday. (AP)
Outlieder Orlando Merced more than quadrupled his salary, agreeing
to a one-year contract worth \$1,485,000 that means the Pittsburgh Pirates

won't go to arbitration this year, having signed all their players. (AP)

Whitey Herzog resigned as general manager of the California Angels and was replaced by Bill Bavasi: Herzog will remain with the team as a

25 the fleet sailed off the southern coast of Australia.

consecutive Super Bowl defeat.

bond required by the organizers.

Tokyo, organizers said Wednesday.

For the Record

François Botha.

consultant

SIDELINES

Polian, 51, will step do

The International Committee of the U.S. Figure Skating Association named Kerrigan to the Olympic team along with Harding, who won the U.S. championship.

Harding's husband, Jeff Gillooly, acknowledged he was being investigated, but told the Oregonian that he was not involved in the Kerrigan attack,

"I wouldn't do that." Gillooly

violation. I don't want to go-beyoud that." Gori said Wednesday morning he expected further information

would be released later in the day, hut did not expect any developments that would prevent Harding from leaving Portland for a weekend competition in Virginia. Saunders retained a lawyer and

went to the authorities Monday af-ternoon. The Oregonian said, add-ing that, after quesconing him, the reg trait, after quesooning nim, the, FBI talked to Crowe on Tuesday:
Detroit police, and later FBI agents, questioned all skaters and coaches at the Olympic trials.

Harding and Gilleoly talked to EBI pressure in Page 1 FBI agents in Detroit and checked

in again with them Tuesday. Harding said. Gillooly said he understood why, the FBI had to investigate him.

"It's their job to follow up on this," Gillooly said. "Nobody likes being investigated by the FBI. But I understand their need to investi-U.S. Olympic speedskater

Kristen Talbot, who donated bone marrow in an effort to save her, brother's life, could resume training as early as the end of the week? said the doctor who performed the transplant in Baltimore. · Petr Nedved can play for Can-

ada at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics, the the International Ice Hockey Federation ruled. Nedved. defected to Canada as a teen-ager in 1989, but his international hock? ey rights remained in Czechoslovakia and were never transferred.

■ Skier Heinzer ls Injured Former world champion Franz Heinzer suffered a concussion and facial cuts Wednesday in a training run on the dauming "Streif" World Cup, downhill course, Reuters re-ported from Kitzbühel, Austria.

He lost control on the 40-meter Seidelhang jump on the upper part Saturday's downhill race. He was flown to a hospital by helicopter.: · A lack of snow at Adelboden forced organizers Wednesday to move Tuesday's men's World Cup giant statom to another Swiss venue, Crans-Montana.

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All Hands Below Deck

WASHINGTON — The words that seem to be popping up boiler and there are Whitewater papers floating all around." all over Washington recently are "damage control." When discussing the president's difficulties with his investment in Whitewater, it is generally agreed that the problem is not the issue itself. The damage control is what's causing all the

Every president has highly control teams that are expected to minimize any situation

that could embarrass him. As on a ship, the damage-controi team is lo-

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cated below deck - in the boiler room of Buchwald the White House. They are in touch with the top officers on deck who are steering the boat through the treacherous rocks of the scandal. When the alarm goes off, the damage-control team, wearing masks and oxygen tanks, do a survey to find out how bad things are.

Harris Block, a senior damage-control officer, speaks up to the bridge. "There is a small leak in the

Fouquet's Owner **Is Fined \$6,800**

PARIS - A coun fined a coowner Fouquet's 40,000 francs on Wednesday after inspectors found

that the restaurant on the Champs-Elysées had stocked frozen "fresh"

food and had roaches in the kitcb-The co-owner, Maurice Msel-latti, 73, said his accusers were "trying once again to attack one of the last bastions of French gastron-omy on the Champs-Elysées." Although Fouquet's is seen as one of Paris's most prestigious restau-rants, the Michelin guide gives it no stars. The fine amounted to \$6,800. Fouguet's also was cited for buying "farm fresh" cheese from a lo-

cal outlet. Because of illness, Mr.

Msellatti's wife, who as co-owner

faces similar charges, will not ap-pear in court until March 23.

"Can you plug it?" the executive officer asks from topside,

"It's too late. The leak is spread-"What do you advise?"

"We could bring down some divers from the Justice Department to gather what there is and get it off

"Good idea. And then deep-six the files."

But the damage-control leader says, "Too many people know about the files, and if they are dumped it might appear that we are covering up and that could lead to a court-martial."

A White House official shouts, "Media ship off the port side. They request permission to board and question the captain on why the ship of state is in such treacherous

Block says, "Don't let them come on board. Send over six damage-control officers to deny what

"Aye, aye, sir. Attention, media ship. All questions regarding damage to our vessel must be relayed to the Justice Department." Justice Department. They're the only ones who understand wby we're taking on so much water."

A radio man speaks to the execu-tive officer, "Sir, they want to appoint a special officer to examine all the papers involved with the accident and to recommend courtmartial charges against those who may be responsible for Whitewater."

The officer responds, "That's out of the question. Send back word that we can investigate our own accidents. Our damage-control people are the best in the business. That may not fly, sir. We should come up with something

"Tell them we're willing to coopcrate in any way possible, but they can't board the ship until next

Why next Tuesday?" "So that we can get the ship all cleaned up and not have any bilge hanging around."

Steady as she goes. Hard right rudder." Executive officer to belmsman. "Remind me to send our damage-

control team a well-done."

Polish Filmmakers Confront Hollywood

By John Rockwell

New Fork Times Service
WARSAW — At a recent conference
in France on the future of European film, the Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi took a pessimistic line. Freedom, he said worriedly, had proven a very mixed bless-ing for the Polish film industry: Protective barriers had been lowered and Hollywood had conquered all.

"Before, we were dominated by the Russians." he said. "Now, it's the Americans." With an inflation rate of 35 percent and steady devaluation of the zlory, with a worldwide recession and uncertain experience in developing private enterprises, the Polish film industry might indeed seem in trouble. Its best-known directors — Zanussi, Krzysztof Kieslowski, Agnieszka Holland and Andrzej Wajda — either lie low or work abroad.

In 1993, the 10 most popular films in Poland were American. Yet movies keep getting made here, more each year, and people keep paying money to see them. The Communist victory at the Polish

polls this fall is unlikely to change that. New Polish films may not all be the earnest moral explorations or stirring dissident manifestoes of yesteryear. But they appeal on a visceral level to an audience grown cynical from the machinations of their politicians or prurient from their

Two especially popular Polish films of the last two years, not classy enough for the major Western film festivals or accessible enough for Western distribution, can speak for the state of Polish film today. And their producers offer varying yet complementary strategies to confront the Hollywood behemoth.

"Pigs" (the producers' equivalent of the original "Dogs." a Polish epithet for the police) is a story of corrupt, brutal, cynical former Communist secret policemen confronting the new realities of contemporary Poland. It won the Golden Duck (Poland's improbably named version of the Oscar) for best director (Władysław Pasikowski)

and best actor (Boguslaw Linda) in 1992. "The Kidnapping of Agata." based on a true story, is a 1993 film about a Polish politician who accuses his daughter's boyfriend of kidnapping, after the two young lovers run off together. The film offers delightful performances, modest but overt sexiness, a trenchant look at the abuse of power and a light touch that fails to prepare one for the brutal ending. At a recent Warsaw screening, a mostly teenage audi-

"Pigs" was produced by Zebra Film Productions, founded in 1989 and still technically owned by the state, and hence technically a nonprofit holdover from the former Communist system. Two of its



Marek Kondrat and Boguslaw Linda in scene from the Polish film "Pigs."

three chief executives, Jacek Bromski and Jacek Moczydłowski (the third is on leave teaching in New York), speak with a resi-due of dissident idealism of the need to foster young directors and to make serious films that resist the commercial ethos.

"Agata" is a production of Heritage Films, an enthusiastically capitalist ven-ture of Lew Rywin, who attended a Brooklyn high school before he was deported from the United States as an illegal alien and who served as Steven Spielberg's Pol-ish line producer for "Schindler's List."

Rywin has set up his office as a sort of homage to cigar-chomping Hollywood studio bosses of yore. Yet he, too, has been involved in high-art projects, notably Kieslowski's 10-part series of hourlong films called "Decalogue," made for Polish television, and Wajds's last three films. Perhaps because of his experience in the United States, his fluent English and, now, his Spielberg cachet, Rywin professes confidence that he can work with Hollywood.

"I cannot complain," be said. "My portfolio is full. If a train is coming your way, you can either be crushed by it or you can

jump on it."

Zanussi was hardly so buoyant, and neither was Moczydlowski. Like so many former dissidents, he and his partner feel at sea with their new freedoms, lamenting the loss of the intensity and excitement of their dissident years.

"Under communism, film was the freest way to express ideas," Moczydlowski said. Of course there was censorship. We had to figure out a way to say what people wanted to hear without saying it specifically. It was a game of wits. Now that anything can be said in the open, there's nobody to light against. We don't know

what stories people want us to tell them."
Whether the production is public or private, nearly all movies in Poland are seeded with a grant of approximately \$250,000 from the Ministry of Culture and then require additional outside investment. The not enough to reward investors. Capital and audiences must be sought outside Poland, which dilutes the native film product.

"There is no way I can hope to return my restment if I address myself solely to the Polish market," Rywin said. That has led to most film producers expanding to television or to serving as local coordinators for spectacles bankrolled from abroad. "Poland is taking advantage of the Yugoslav situa-tion," Rywin said. "Before, most American producers would go there to do period pieces. Now, they go to Poland or Russia."

The number of films produced in Poland has actually risen steadily, according to the Ministry of Culture's State Cinematography Committee, from 22 in 1990 to 25 in 1991 to 28 in 1992 (the 1993 figure is not yet in). But Polish film attendance has plummeted, meaning that a No. 1 box-office hit. even if it is an American film, sells fewer tickets than before. From 38 million in 1990, overall annual attendance dropped to 18 million in 1991 and 11 million in 1992. The ministry estimates that 1993 will show a rebound to 15 million.

The problem is partly the recession and inflation, with ticket prices leaping from 20 cents in 1990 to \$2 now. And partly. Rywin argues, it has to do with the limited number and poor condition of Polish theaters.

There is also more or less rampant piracy. although Rywin places less weight on that than do the Zebra executives. According to them, Poland has the highest per-capita number of video cassette players in Europe, the majority of available cassettes are illicit and their use has severely depressed film attendance. On Jan. 7, the Polish pariament finally passed a copyright law intended to curb the pirating of films.

For Rywin, who shares with the Zebra team a professed lack of concern about the

resurgent Polish Communists, the only way to survive is to adjust. "We must remain open to the products of the West," he said. "I'm not afraid of American products. There's room for everybody,

Like so many East European intellectuals, he longs for a system of values in which profitability is not paramount. "For us, culture was a substitute for everything

else," he said.
"When I was a teenager, we could go to
the cinema and see everything by Fellini or
Bergman. We didn't have anything else to do. We had no money, and cinema was cheap. A director could go to a car factory and show his film and have a very interest-

"Now, we are losing this. Go to Belgium and ask a doctor who is Bergman and he won't know. It's a consumption society in the West, and now here, too. Young people just go to the cinema to have fun."

PEOPLE

Tardy Marlon Memoirs Sighted for Next Fall

Harold M. Evans, the head of the Random House adult trade division, can finally say for certain when the company plans to publish Marion Brando's long overdue, much fretted about and very expensive — maybe \$5 million worth — mem-oirs: in the fall Evans said that Brando had been working for more than a year with Robert Lindsey, who ghostwrote former President Ronald Reagan's memoirs, and that the manuscript is expected by the end of January. Holding his breath?

The list according to Mr. Black-well: Glean Close's took has her on "Nightmare Alley" and Rosie Perez is "a fanny-flaunting frasco." Close ends up on the top of the former designer's annual worst-dressed women list. Next up was Julia Reb-erts ("a barefoot bride"), followed by Diana Ross ("a Martian meter by Diana Ross ("a Martian aleer maid—starring in a cancan revue"), Perez and Susan Sarandon ("pecka-boo Sue"). Meanwhile, Mari-lyn Quayle and Jane Fonda headed up McCall's list of "five women who let us down": Quayle for not practicing what she preaches and Fonda for becoming one of the "least liberated" famous women. The five also included the actress Jennifer Grey. the model Anna Nicole Smith and Princess Masako of Japan for giv-ing up a career in diplomacy to marry Crown Prince Naruhito.

George Burns has two years to go before his 100th birthday, and the party already is a sellout. The co-median signed in November to play three shows at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Jan. 19 to 21, 1996. His birthday is Jan. 20.

. . . 🗖 The director Oliver Stone chides Americans for being more worried about violence in movies than they are about real-life violence. In an interview in Entertainment Weekly. Stone noted reports that people had walked out of his latest Vietnam; film, "Heaven and Earth," because they were put off by a torture scene. "I'm amazed Americans would be so squeamish," he said. "What wimps! How can you deny life?"

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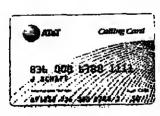
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